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For outstanding development...

## Longbow Hellfire team wins annual Daedalian

By Skip Vaughn

Longbow Hellfire, the Army's first fire-and-forget aviation missile, won't be fielded until July. But its government-industry team has already achieved a milestone.

The prestigious Daedalian trophy is presented annually in recognition of outstanding weapons system development. The recipients are selected by the individual services from nominations submitted by Army, Navy and Air Force; and the award is made on a rotating basis each year. This time it was the Army's turn.

The Longbow Hellfire team is the winner of the Daedalian Weapons System Award for 1997.

"I think it recognizes the team effort of many people here at Redstone Arsenal—the project office, the labs, the test agencies as well as industry," Lt. Col. Jody Maxwell, product manager for Longbow Hellfire, said. "And recognizes the accomplishment of many people who have worked on this system."

The Daedalian award has been presented annually since 1970. Javelin Project Office won in 1994, and Team Apache in 1991.

Longbow Hellfire, an antitank missile fired from the Longbow Apache helicopter, is managed within the Air-to-Ground Mis-

sile Systems Project Office. Maxwell and Col. Richard "Doc" Savage, the air-to-ground project manager, accepted the trophy June 6 in Spokane, Wash., at the National Convention of the Order of Daedalians. In a ceremony here Friday, Savage accepted the award on behalf of the project office from Lt. Gen. Paul Kern, military deputy to the assistant secretary of the Army for research, development and acquisition.

The award recognizes "outstanding achievement in weapon systems development and partnership with industry," Maxwell said. "So it's really a team award with the project office, industry and many folks who actually work the missile system."

Longbow Hellfire is guided by millimeter wave radar which gives fire-and-forget capability, meaning the gunner doesn't have to stay locked onto the target. "It is the first fire-and-forget aviation missile," Maxwell said.

"A second major initiative in working with industry is cost reduction. Working with industry significantly reduced the unit price of the missile" from an initial cost of \$234,000 to \$167,000 per missile, he said. "And the third major accomplishment was in production confidence testing and first article testing (which) achieved eight direct hits in eight shots."



Army photo

**MISSILE AWAY—** A Longbow Apache helicopter fires a Longbow Hellfire missile in this file photo provided by Air-to Ground Missile Systems Project Office.

The test shots were done in spring and summer of 1997 at Eglin Air Force Base, Fla.

Last October Michael Walker, the Army acquisition executive, approved Longbow Hellfire for full-rate production. Fielding is scheduled for July; and production will continue through fiscal 2005 to meet the Army's aviation requirements.

Prime contractors include Lockheed

Martin of Orlando, Fla.; Northrop Grumman in Huntsville; and Boeing-Duluth of Duluth, Ga.

About 60 of the 90 members of the Air-to-Ground Missile Systems Project Office work on Longbow Hellfire or also on the laser-guided Hellfire. Longbow Hellfire division chiefs include Wayne Burke, engineer; James Bell, test; Bob Masucci, program management; and Barry Beavers, logistics.

## Airfield expected to land new operations center

Military construction spending bill includes Redstone projects



Photo by Skip Vaughn

**OUTDATED FACILITY—** McAllister stands in front of the operations building which is to become a thing of the past.

By Skip Vaughn

The old wooden Operations Building at Redstone Army Airfield will soon be replaced.

An airfield operations center was among the construction projects addressed last week by Rep. Bud Cramer, D-Ala.

Cramer, a member of the House Appropriations Committee, announced June 8 in a press conference at the airfield that he placed \$29 million for construction at Redstone in this year's military construction spending bill.

See AIRFIELD on page 15



Photo by Sandy Riebeling

### Hup, two, three, four...

Soldiers from B Company, 832nd Ordnance Battalion march from Toftoy Hall to "chow" for lunch.

## Letters To The Editor

### Pay demo

The AMCOM community along with numerous other DoD entities may or may not participate in the Proposed Civilian Acquisition Workforce Personnel Demonstration Project. The unions together with the AMCOM leadership will decide soon. My review of the March 24 Federal Register notice leads me to believe that there are far more positive aspects than negative associated with "going under the demo." As proposed, few if any AMCOM employees stand to lose; however, most could gain. The pay for performance concept allows flexibility for reward of achievement. The pay increases associated with steps that we wait 1, 2 or 3 years for currently, can essentially be awarded on a yearly basis similar to the old GM system. Those having salaries corresponding to the lower grades in each band can be awarded earned pay increases up to the upper limit of their band without the timely delays and uncertainties associated with promotions in the federal government.

For example, a current GS-12, going into band 3 can get salary increases up to a GS-13, step 10 without being promoted. While it is technically possible to withhold cost of living increases for "poor performers," how many people in the past have been rated low enough to trigger such an action under the proposed system? I submit that the number is few if any. Again, most employees stand to gain not lose under the plan.

Those in similar demos such as China Lake have chosen to make the demos permanent because employees as well as management saw a benefit. I encourage the unions and ESC members that represent the employees at AMCOM to do what is beneficial for the employees, and support the pay demo. I also encourage all AMCOM employees to read the proposal and make their desires known to their bargaining units and upper management.

**Michael C. Ayres**  
General engineer,  
TMDE Activity

### Short symphony

This joke was passed to me by a friend who works in the health care industry. It is applicable to any organization undergoing downsizing, including the government. Though it is meant to be an amusing look at downsizing, it really makes one stop and consider what may be the end result of downsizing and PVS (privatization support/contracting-out):

"A managed care company president was given a ticket for a performance of Schubert's 'Unfinished Symphony.' Since he was unable to go, he passed the invitation to one of his managed care reviewers. The next morning, the president asked the reviewer how he had enjoyed it, and he was handed a memorandum, which read as follows:

#### MEMORANDUM

1. For a considerable period, the oboe players had nothing to do. Their number should be reduced, and their work spread over the whole orchestra, thus avoiding peaks of inactivity.

2. All 12 violins were playing identical notes. This seems to be unnecessary duplication, and the staff in this section should be drastically cut. If a large volume of sound is required, this could be obtained through use of an amplifier.

3. Much effort was involved in playing the 16th notes. This seems an excessive refinement, and it is recommended that all notes should be rounded up to the nearest 8th note. If this were done, it would be possible to use paraprofessionals instead of experienced musicians.

4. No useful purpose is served by repeating, with horns, the passage that has already been handled by the strings. If all such redundant passages were eliminated, the concert could be reduced from two hours to 20 minutes.

5. This symphony has two movements. If Schubert did not achieve his musical goals by the end of the first movement, then he should have stopped there. The second movement is unnecessary and should be cut.

"In light of the above, one can only conclude that had Schubert given attention to these matters, his symphony would probably have been finished by now."

The author of the joke is unknown; apparently it appeared on the Internet. It was just too timely and too amusing not to share with the Redstone Family!

**Lisa Pipes**  
IMMC

### Congratulations

Alabama Industries for the Blind would like to add its congratulations to Dr. Carol Sedlacek, procurement analyst for Small Business Office, Redstone Arsenal, on being awarded the Army Materiel Command's Javits-Wagner-O'Day award. Blind unemployment in the United States is over 70 percent. JWOD Act works daily to combat and reduce this harsh statistic.

I echo Sedlacek's comments that the JWOD program is not a "handout" or a "charity case." JWOD also provides non-profit organizations like AIB the opportunity to employ blind workers.

The Redstone Base Supply Center (building 8022) on Cottonwood Road, operated by AIB, is another example of JWOD Act in action. The BSC offers quality SKIL-CRAFT blind-made office supply products to our Redstone military, federal civilians and federal contractors.

The BSC provides employment for blind people who want to support our federal civilians and American men and women in uniform. This is outsourcing, empowerment and privatization at its best.

AIB's daily and unending mission is as Sedlacek stated "about communication and re-educating" the public. AIB tries to inform Redstone employees about the benefits of JWOD and supporting the BSC.

AIB and the Redstone BSC are very grateful to people like Sedlacek who wholeheartedly endorse and actively support JWOD and the employment of those in need, who ask little, but take the opportunity to be productive members of American society. AIB believes, as does Sedlacek, that providing this employment opportunity "is the right thing to do."

**Billy Sparkman**  
General manager, AIB

### Union vote

The Civilian Acquisition Workforce Personnel Demonstration (AWPD) Project in the Office of Assistant Secretary of Defense will make available to the American Federation of Government Employees (AFGE) Local 1858 a draft copy of the proposed AWPD second Federal Register publication and the associated operating procedures on or about June 23. Copies of these two documents will be available at the AFGE Local 1858 office, building 3202 (Mauler Road), Redstone Arsenal, for interested employees and managers on or after June 25.

All AFGE Local 1858 bargaining unit employees are encouraged to attend the July 13 monthly membership meeting to discuss the aforementioned changes. A vote on acceptance or rejection of the revised AWPD will not be

taken at the July meeting.

On Aug. 10 at our monthly membership meeting, a vote will be taken on whether AFGE Local 1858 accepts or rejects the proposed AWPD as revised. Only AFGE Local 1858 dues-paying members will be permitted to vote on this issue. If you want to vote, you must be a dues-paying member. Sign up now.

**James R. Brothers**  
President,  
AFGE Local 1858

### Larger sign

I would like to congratulate the Redstone Arsenal Support Activity for the excellent job they did with the design and installation of new AMCOM Headquarters sign on Martin Road. The new larger sign fits much better with the weapons systems on display and is much easier to read.

**Nicholas L. Leone**



Photo by Skip Vaughn

### Handicapped accessible...

**Steve Landram, program manager for Redstone and Sparkman Fitness Centers, demonstrates a multi-exerciser which has arrived at both fitness centers and Pagano Gym. People in wheelchairs can do three exercises on this machine: shoulder press, chest press and lat row.**

### Correction

A soldier was misidentified in a photo caption which appeared on page 13 of last week's Rocket. The soldier, standing next to a seated Capt. Jeffrey Murray of C Company, 832nd Ordnance Battalion, is actually 1st Sgt. Aubrey Fencher.

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# Program executive officer for air and missile defense tells it like it is

## Brig. Gen. Montgomery updates workers during Town Hall meeting June 10

Photos and story by Connie Davis

Brig. Gen. Daniel Montgomery, program executive officer for air and missile defense, addressed the PEO work force in a Town Hall meeting June 10 at the Rocket Auditorium.

Focusing on the importance of the PEO AMD's mission and people, Montgomery opened the meeting by asking his work force to "step back and take a look at the totality of what we are doing for the U.S. Army and for our nation. We have an incredible mission for the United States," he said to about 450 PEO employees.

"We are providing world class systems for our fighting men and women that will protect them in combat and will protect our nation if someone is foolish enough to attack us," Montgomery said. "If we don't do our jobs and we don't do them right, then we won't have the capability to defend our magnificent soldiers who are deployed.

"Missiles represent a growing threat we are asked to build protection against. More lives were lost by one Scud missile in Desert Storm than by any other means... We lost 28 Americans in that one instance."

Montgomery stressed to the group that the threat is not only to theater forces as they deploy around the world, but the threat is also to the United States. "That is why we are building the national missile defense program," he said. "Saddam Hussein said if he had the where-with-all he would have bombed the United States, and Muammar Qadhafi said if he could have hit New York, he would have.

"We have enemies and they're serious about it. The threat to the United States is real, it is here, and it's growing.

"Our mission is to protect our homeland and our forces as they deploy around the world against those kind of threats. We truly have, I think, the most important mission of any Department of Defense acquisition agency in the department today. What we do is critical for protecting the force and protecting our homeland and our way of life."

Montgomery then provided the audience with an update on all six PEO AMD programs: Patriot, THAAD, Meads, JTAGS, Arrow, and National Missile Defense Ground Based Elements.

He proceeded to talk about the PEO budget, noting that, "We have just short of one and half billion dollars for FY98 to do the things we're asked to do. We are developing the Program Objective Memorandum with the Department of Defense through BMDO and the Army to the Office of the Secretary of Defense for the six-year plan and at the same time, we are also answering questions from Congress, congressional staffers, and responding to congressional marks. We work hard to keep things funded, to get the money so that you can do your jobs, but the process is complex and time consuming."

He then spoke about the status of the PEO itself, stating "We have a total of 631 folks on board today doing our mission." Montgomery showed the break-out of PEO employees which consists of 292 core and 339 matrix employees— 168 matrixed from the Aviation and Missile Command and 171 matrixed from the Space and Missile Defense Command.

Montgomery said the PEO has downsized by 31 percent since 1993, for both matrix and core employees. He said some project offices were combined— Ground Based Radar Project Office with THAAD; ERINT merged into the Patriot Project Office, and they restructured NMD. "And while we took out spaces, we also took out faces— 169 reductions through attrition, VERA/VSIPs (Voluntary Separation Incentive Pay/ Voluntary Early Retirement Authority), and realignments, and we were successful in avoiding a RIF (reduction-in-force)," he said.

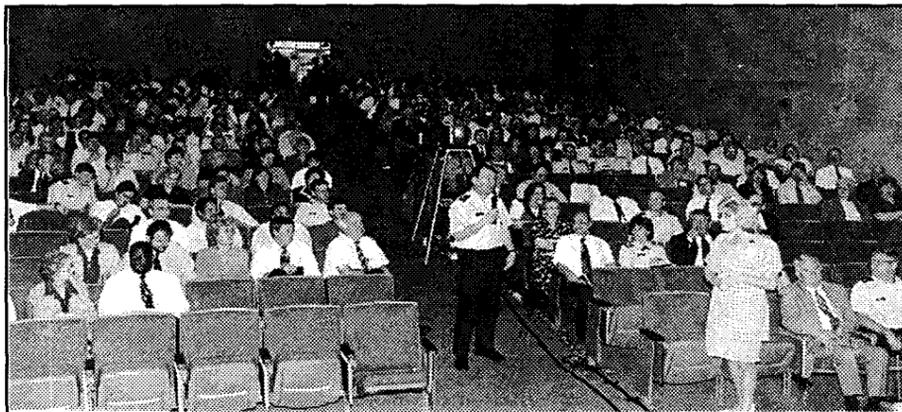
Montgomery stressed the importance of taking charge of your own career. "The opportunities are there, but it is up to you to manage your career so that you can advance. You have to balance your mission along with your education requirements. Education is important as you compete for these limited opportunities for promotion. Whether it's a bachelor's degree or master's, it takes a dedicated effort on your part, but in the long run it is going to pay you dividends," he said.

He told the employees that although AMCOM will be authorizing a VSIP window July 1-24, and a VERA window, Aug. 3 to Sept. 1, the PEO does not plan for a VERA/VSIP, nor does SMDC.

A new competitive area was recently created for the PEO AMD core employees by combining competitive areas from other PEOs and Project Managers. "In case there is a RIF, having a larger competitive area will enhance your opportunity for placement within your competitive area," Montgomery said. "We now have a competitive area of about 880 people."

Montgomery briefly addressed several other topics. He

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Q&A SESSION— Col. Louis Deeter, THAAD project manager, takes advantage of the opportunity to ask Montgomery a question concerning matrix employees during the PEO AMD Town Hall meeting.



ADDRESSING WORK FORCE— Montgomery talks to his employees at the PEO AMD Town Hall meeting.

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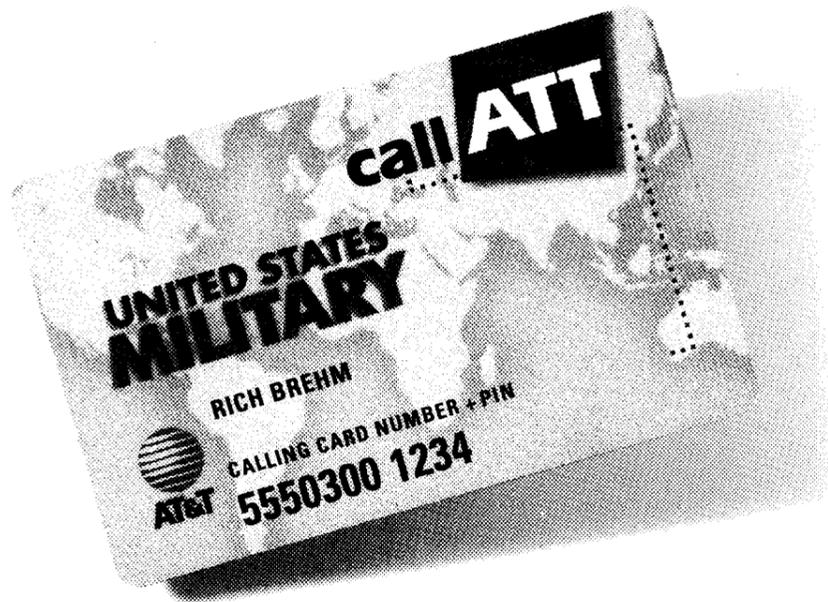
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It started with a kidnapping...

# Flamingo flock brings offbeat humor to housing area for officers

Story and photos by Sandy Riebeling

Pink flamingos in the yard are something rarely seen these days. Everywhere, that is, except Ripley Drive where a flock of flamingos have gathered, made friends and call the Arsenal home.

"I first saw flamingos in the yards several years ago on colonel row at Fort Bliss," said Susan Carr, wife of Col. Herbert Carr. "I just thought it was tacky at first, but then the second time I drove by I noticed they were walking and by the third time, I realized it was a joke."

Carr brought the joke, and a pink flamingo, back to Redstone in 1992 when the family was transferred.

Dressed for winter in boots and a muffler, Carr's flamingo was soon joined by a neighboring flamingo, who was kicked out of his own yard and found refuge at the Carr's home.

"Suzanne (Holloway) had a flamingo dressed in a cap for winter but her husband just couldn't stand it. So hers came over to my yard," Carr said.

By Valentine's Day, the two were in love with a little one on the way. That's when the joke ended and the nightmare began.

The flamingos vanished, and in their place, a lone ransom note:

"The nightmare begins. We've seized the buzzards — hunters have wide range of options — no cookies, no deal."

Frantic, the owners searched high and low, asking neighbors and friends if they'd seen anything. Carr put out a yard sign, offering a ransom and pleading with the kidnapers to bring her flamingos home and to please be careful, as one was with flamingo.

Shortly, another note appeared, this time with a picture of the kidnapped flamingos with duct tape over their eyes. The note read: "They are fine, so far. 2 Dozen choc. chip— More to follow."

Not sure whether to pay the ransom or call the police, Carr and Holloway waited. The next note instructed Carr to wrap each cookie individually and place them in an Army and

Air Force Exchange bag. To signal that Carr had received and understood the note, she was to place an empty Army and Air Force bag on a stick in the front yard.

"I couldn't believe someone would do this," said Carr, who anxiously awaited word from the kidnapers.

Late one evening, after dark, the doorbell rang. Carr answered it to find her two flamingos stuffed in a bag along with a note.

"We surrender! These birds are more trouble than they are worth. They pace all night, eat crackers in bed, one is pregnant and the other one fell off the back of the tailgate when we were loading them in the truck. Gladly we'll make you two dozen cookies to take them back! It's off to my shrink because I'm seeing pink."

"I looked down and there were wires poking out everywhere and all this pink," Carr said. "I was glad to have them back."

Unscathed from their terrifying ordeal, the flamingos built a nest in a neighboring yard, laid eggs in time for Easter, and two young flamingos joined the



**FLAMINGOS ARE LIKE CHILDREN—** Howell and Carr dress the flamingos seasonally and for special occasions, take them on walks around the neighborhood and plan activities to keep them out of trouble.

family on Easter morning.

"That's how Debby got her two," said Carr, referring to Debby Howell, wife of Col. Michael Howell, who is a major player in the flamingo fun.

But as military life dictates, people come and people go. Carr left the neighborhood, but returned last year as the flamingo craze

was heating up again in the old neighborhood.

Pat Hamilton, wife of Col. Albert Hamilton, another in the group of flamingo players, had picked up a few flamingos, "But they were shy at first," she said.

By Halloween, Carr had three flamingos in the yard, including her "snooming" a

white bird she often refers to as the dizzy one.

"They were in the yard dressed as a devil, ghost and witch," said Carr, adding that the display is what first caught the attention of a neighbor, Susanne Johnson, who was an offi-

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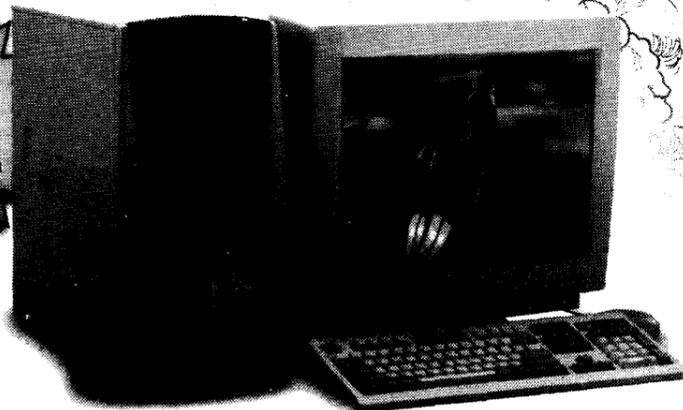
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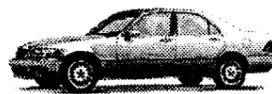
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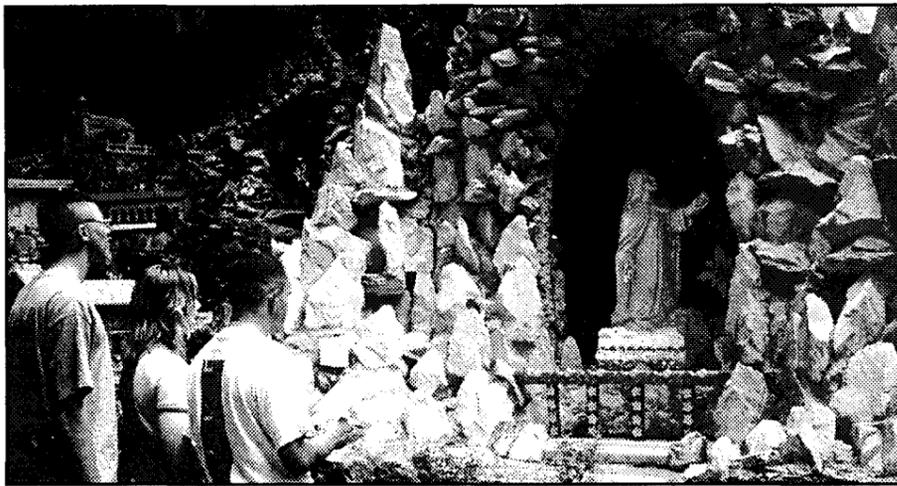
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## Redstone soldiers go on spiritual adventure trip

AIT soldiers from B and C Companies, 832nd Ordnance Battalion recently visited the Ave Maria Grotto in Cullman as part of a "spiritual adventure training" trip sponsored by their battalion chaplain, Capt. Lane Stockeland.

The Grotto, on the grounds of St. Bernard Abbey in Cullman, is noted for its small stone and cement replicas of various religious shrines and holy places from all over the world. The Grotto consists of 125 replicas, created by Brother Joseph Zoettel. He was a monk at the Abbey for nearly 70 years.

The trip consisted of four parts: a tour of the Grotto, a tour of the Stations of the Cross and Abbey Cemetery, a tour of the Abbey church, and lunch at Shoney's in Cullman.



**TOUR SITE—** Advanced individual training soldiers from Redstone take in the view at Ave Maria Grotto.

"We were all so impressed by the intricate detail of the cement and stone replicas," Chaplain Stockeland said. But more importantly "the Grotto reminds us of the importance of religious sites and holy places, which in turn rein-

forces our own personal faith and spiritual commitment."

Two more highlights of the trip included viewing the 14 Stations of the Cross leading to and from the Abbey Cemetery and attending a short prayer service at the Abbey Church.

Pvt. Sammy Martinez of C Company explained the meaning and significance of the Stations of the Cross.

"All the soldiers had a great time and really enjoyed this time of relaxation, fun and spiritual commitment," Stockeland said.

Photo by Lane Stockeland

## Two Army aviators tapped for astronaut class of 1998

Two Army aviators have been selected by the National Aeronautics and Space Administration as astronaut candidates for the class of 1998.

The Army's newest astronauts, Maj. Timothy Creamer and Maj. Douglas Wheelock, are assigned to the Space and Missile Defense Command, Army Space Command (Forward), Colorado Springs, Colo. They currently serve as space operations officers at NASA's Johnson Space Center in Houston, Texas.

Creamer and Wheelock join 23 other candidates who were also selected from various backgrounds, including engineers, doctors, scientists and other aviators. The candidates are scheduled to arrive at the Johnson Space Center in Houston in mid-August to begin one year of training and evaluation.

Creamer, 38, was born in Fort Huachuca, Ariz., but calls League City, Texas, his home. He and his wife, Margaret, have two sons, Patrick and Jamie. He earned his bachelor's degree in chemistry from Loyola College, Md., in 1982 and his master's in physics from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology in 1992. He

has also taught physics at the U.S. Military Academy.

Wheelock, 37, was born in Binghamton, N.Y., but calls Seabrook, Texas, his home. He and his wife, Cathleen, have a daughter, Ashley. Wheelock earned his bachelor's degree in applied science from the U.S. Military Academy in 1983 and his master's degree in aerospace engineering from Georgia Tech in 1992. He also attended the U.S. Naval Test Pilot School and was assigned to SMDC from the Army Aviation Technical Test Center, Fort Rucker in 1996.

According to a NASA news release, after a period of training and evaluation, the astronauts will receive technical assignments within the Astronaut Office before receiving a space flight assignment.

The Army's astronaut detachment at the NASA Johnson Space Center is managed by SMDC's ARSPACE. The detachment currently has five other astronauts. They include Col. William McArthur, commander of the detachment, Col. James Voss, Lt. Col. Nancy Currie, Lt. Col. Patrick Forrester, and Lt. Col. Jeffrey Williams.

## Electronic fund transfer account required for TDY

By Gerry J. Gilmore

WASHINGTON— Army finance officials have advised that effective January 1, 1999 all federal payments will be made via electronic funds transfer. This rule is a result of the Debt Collection Improvement Act of 1996 and will affect Army vendors and all soldiers and Department of the Army civilians.

These changes to EFT are part of the federal government's ongoing initiative to convert most of its nearly 1 billion annual payments from paper check to EFT by next year. Working under the mandate of legislation signed by President Bill Clinton on April 26, 1996, federal departments and agencies are on the fast track to ensure that all payments, except income tax refunds, are made electronically by 1999.

To streamline administrative procedures and cut costs, the Department of the Treasury wants all federal organizations, to include the Department of Defense, to cease disbursement of hardcopy checks to employees, such as those owed monies for travel advances and temporary duty.

This is of concern to Army finance officials. Early word from the Defense Finance and Accounting Service is that travel vouchers will be returned to individuals who do not have an EFT account by January 1, 1999, said CSM Hans Kennedy, command sergeant major for the U.S. Army Finance Command in Arlington, Va.

"About 99.9 percent of active-duty soldiers are already signed-up for electronic fund transfer for travel pays," Kennedy said. "That's the good news. Reaching out and advising every reservist, National Guardsman and Department of the Army civilian about this mandate is going to be the chal-

lenge, and that, quite frankly, is our concern—the Total Army."

It's easy to sign up to have travel pays electronically transferred, Kennedy said. Customers can fill out a Treasury form 1199 available at local finance offices, or use a voided check containing bank electronic transfer information. Either the form or a voided check should be forwarded with the completed travel voucher through finance channels, Kennedy said. Registration is automatic after that.

There are certain limited conditions, Kennedy said, which allow someone to continue receiving checks. But, these conditions, he said, will not apply to most DoD employees.

After Jan. 1, people who haven't registered for electronic transfer will have their travel voucher returned, Kennedy said.

"You have to get on board," he said. "It is not a [situation of] 'I don't want to; I won't submit it.' If you don't submit your paperwork to get EFT, you'll have taken a [TDY] trip without immediate reimbursement.

"Your [travel] voucher will be returned and you won't be paid until you enroll in EFT," Kennedy said. (Arnews)

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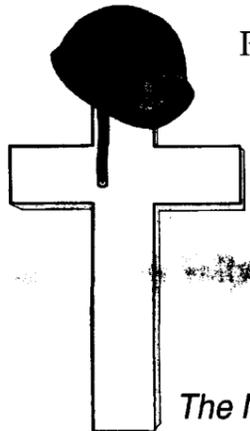
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# Tax program clamps down on deadbeat moms, dads

By Erika A. Cain

Many persons eagerly awaited their income tax refund this year and were contemplating how they would spend their money. However, if you owe past due child support, your refund may be withheld to pay the arrearages under the Federal Tax Refund Offset Program.

The Federal Tax Refund Offset Program collects past due payments of child support from the tax refunds of parents who have been ordered to pay child support. This program is a cooperative effort among the Internal Revenue Service (IRS), Federal Office of Child Support Enforcement (OCSE), and State Child Support Enforcement Agencies.

Each year, CSE agencies submit to the IRS the names, Social Security Numbers (SSN), and the amount of past due child support of people who are behind in their payments. When the IRS processes tax returns, it identifies returns of those who owe child support. If a refund is due, all or part of the refund is collected to offset past due child support payments.

Cases eligible for a tax refund offset are those cases that have delinquent child support orders. If the child support order includes an award for spousal support, the tax refund may also cover past due spousal support. For cases receiving services provided by Aid to Families with Dependent Children (AFDC), the amount owed by the non-custodial parent must be at least \$150 and in non-AFDC cases, the amount must be at least \$500. In all cases, the parent who owes support must be three months behind in child support payments.

If a tax refund is offset, the amount of past due payments is taken out of the refund and sent to the OCSE and then to the state which submitted the case. In AFDC cases, the state keeps the money to help pay for AFDC payments. In non-AFDC cases, the state gives the money directly to the parent and child. If the case is both AFDC and non-AFDC, the AFDC arrearages are paid first.

In order to begin this process with the IRS, the Child Support Enforcement Agency needs the non-custodial parent's name, SSN, and the amount of past due child support. The state will also need to know the non-custodial parent's address so that he or she can be notified that his or her name is being submitted to IRS to offset the tax refund for past due child support. This offset notification provides an opportunity for the non-custodial parent to pay past due child support or disagree with the amount of money CSE says is owed.

The amount of time it takes for the custodial parent to receive a payment may vary. It takes 1 to 3 weeks from the time the IRS processes the return until the money is sent to the state. In non-AFDC cases, the state may hold the money for up to six months if it involves a joint return.

Timing is very important in this process since tax returns are only filed once a year. Plan on contacting the state or local CSE agency as soon as possible to find out their deadline for submitting to OCSE the names and SSNs of parents who owe child support and to determine whether the case should be submitted. There may also be a small fee of no more than \$25 to use this service.

For more information on how to contact your local Child Support Enforcement Agency or other legal advice, those eligible for legal services may call the Redstone Arsenal Legal Office 876-9005 to set up an appointment.

*(Editor's note: Capt. Cain is administrative law attorney and claims judge advocate in the Office of the Staff Judge Advocate.)*

*When the IRS processes tax returns, it identifies returns of those who owe child support.*



Photo by Connie Davis

## Union agreement...

LeRoy Daniels, civilian personnel officer, receives a copy of the Labor-Management Agreement between the Program Executive Office for Air and Missile Defense and the American Federation of Government Employees, Local 1858. Joe Butler, Arrow project manager, PEO AMD, is next in line to receive his copy of the agreement

along with Col. Louis Deeter, THAAD PM, as Maxine Maples, director, Program Operations Directorate, PEO AMD, looks on to ensure everyone gets a copy. The agreement was approved by the Department of Defense on May 22 and distributed to PEO AMD employees and others at their recent Town Hall meeting.

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# Team Redstone throwing a riverside party in July

Organization Day picnic offers activities for the entire family

Each year the Team Redstone family gets together for a day of good food, music, and fun in the sun at the Col. Carroll D. Hudson Recreation Area.

This year's event, co-hosted by MRDEC and AVRDEC, will be held July 14, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., with a rain date of July 15.

The emphasis this year will be on food and children's activities. The Officers Club will be catering the barbecue sandwiches for adults and hot dogs for the children. Linda Pettitt, chairman for children's activities, is busy planning a fun-filled day for the children. To date, Russell Davis, magician, will be performing two shows for the chil-

dren. The day will also include face painting, clown entertainment, and moon bounce, just to name a few.

The sports activities will start off with the SES/General Officers softball tournament at 10:15 a.m. Once this game concludes, more softball games will be played and a volleyball tournament will be ongoing. Live music will be provided near the food tent for our lunch eaters.

This is a time for government employees, military, Army tenant organizations, and their family members to enjoy a leisure day at the river. This is a free event. Each attendee will receive a sack lunch and drink. There will also

be vendors set up around the recreation area selling various drinks, candy, etc.

Bingo will be running from 11-2:30 at the Rustic Lodge, and shuttle service will be provided from the picnic area to the Lodge continuously throughout the day. Bingo fee/policies will be posted on the AMCOM home page.

Door prizes will be given away hourly starting at 10 and ending at 3. You must be present to win. Organizers have several "mini-vacations" at our local hotels as give-aways this year.

Due to limited parking, continuous shuttle service will be provided from strategic points around the arsenal. It was estimated

over 5,000 attended the picnic in 1997 and this year the number anticipated is well over 8,000. Organizers encourage all to utilize the shuttle bus transportation, as parking will be limited to VIPs, event workers, and handicapped.

As more information becomes available regarding transportation, children's activities, sporting events, it will be posted to the AMCOM home page, and followup articles in the Rocket. Should you have a specific question regarding the picnic, call Maudie Woodsinger, chairman for Team Redstone Organization Day, 955-7765 or Sherry Hilley, publicity chairman, 842-6715.

# Play bingo at lodge

Bingo is again on the menu for the annual Team Redstone Organization Day, July 14.

The bingo games will be held in the Rustic Lodge from 11-2:30 that day with continuous shuttle service from the picnic area to the lodge.

The lodge doors will open at 10 a.m. Everyone 10 years and older is invited to come join in the fun and prizes. Each bingo pot will be a percentage of the card sales, and the last game pot will be at least 75 percent of the card sales.

Thanks to Jay Foster's experience at the Challenger Club, and his help with this bingo event, organizers expect it to be the best ever. The cards will sell for \$1 each, and

must be "dobbed." The Active and Retired NCO Spouses Club will be selling "dobbers" at the door:

\$1 for the small ones, and \$1.75 for the large ones. Due to the limited space in the lodge, each person seated must play at least one bingo card per game.

All proceeds not included in the jackpots will be used by the Civilian Welfare Fund to provide Morale, Welfare and Recreation activities for the Redstone community. The CWF has provided funds to the Organization Day Committee for food and entertainment. For more information on the Bingo event, call Mitzi McFerrin, Bingo Committee chairman for the Team Redstone Organization Day, 313-4870.

# New chief named at POW/missing personnel office

By Rudi Williams

WASHINGTON—A former Army airborne infantryman and Vietnam veteran is the new deputy assistant secretary of defense for prisoners of war/missing personnel affairs.

Robert L. Jones, 54, took his oath of office May 10. He will lead and oversee DoD's daily efforts to locate, account for and repatriate Americans captured or missing as a result of past or current hostile actions.

The POW/Missing Personnel Office provides the expertise, technology and resources to uphold America's commitment to its missing servicemembers, spokesman Larry Greer said. The office also strives to resolve uncertainties by providing case facts to the families of the missing and

to Congress and the American public, he said.

Jones comes to DoD from the Department of Veterans Affairs, where he had been special assistant to the assistant secretary for public and intergovernmental affairs since 1993.

Before that, he was national executive director of AMVETS—American Veterans of World War II, Korea and Vietnam.

Holder of a black belt in karate, the Decatur, Ill., native served in the Army as an enlisted man and

commissioned officer, and his career included assignments in infantry, airborne, ranger and special forces units. Jones also served as a ground liaison officer with the Air Force's 50th Tactical Fighter Wing. (*American Forces Press Service*)

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# Bigger branch is better for credit union customers

Facility under construction for Redstone Federal Credit Union; opens in fall

By Sandy Riebeling

In a few months, the cut up parking lot and piles of wood, dirt, and scrap will be a distant memory to the customers using the Arsenal's brand new Redstone Federal Credit Union facility.

"We've been planning this new branch for a while," said Carolyn Hargrove, vice president of operations, Redstone Federal Credit Union. "It took some time to see if our lease would be extended on the Arsenal and to pick a construction company."

RFCU first prepared a cost comparison to determine whether it was more cost effective to expand the current facility or to build an entirely new building.

"It was a minimal cost to go new," said Hargrove, adding that the old branch will be torn down after the new one is finished.

The new branch, started in March, is expected to be open for business in September, two months earlier than originally planned.

The new building will be nearly twice the size of the current facility, with 4,500 square feet, allowing for more privacy during business transactions in the new

state-of-the-art lobby, which includes five teller windows.

A video Newsline, on television monitors, will be broadcast in the lobby, allowing customers to get the latest business news while waiting.

Another high-tech addition in the lobby is the automated Kiosk system, a touch screen terminal allowing customers to access their account information, print out bank statements, track cleared checks and deposits and make transfers.

On the outside, expanded parking, two additional drive-up windows, for a total of four, a drive-up ATM, and a walk-up ATM are all a part of the new facility.

"The drive up ATM is important to customers," said Hargrove, "but many people still walk to the bank, so we kept the walk-up ATM as well."

Beginning in June, RFCU will offer phase one of the World Wide Branch, which is home banking.

"Customers can see any employee for the paperwork needed to access their accounts via the Internet," Hargrove said. "There's no special software needed, just a password."

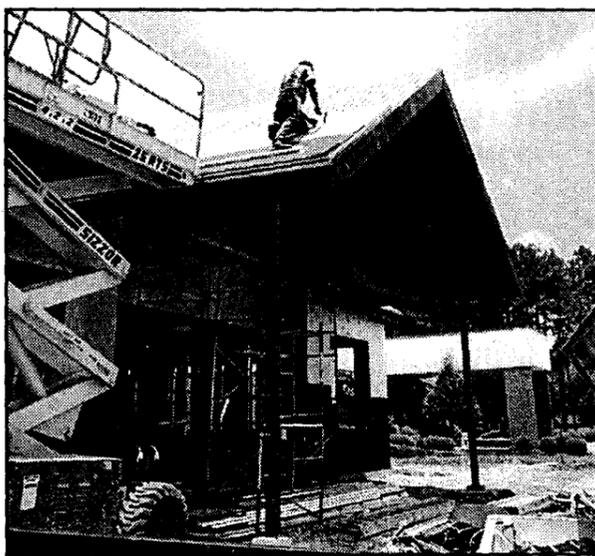


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**AHEAD OF SCHEDULE—** The credit union may open sooner than expected thanks to hard work and good weather. Mickey Emerson of Custom Trim works on the roof.

Hargrove points out that everything is encrypted for safety on the WWB.

"We've gone through several safety audits to make sure the system is secure," Hargrove said. "Right now we have test user members using the system and have had good results. We want to have it up and running before putting it out to the masses."

Phase two of the WWB, expected within the next year, will allow check writing from home along with some other services.

The new facility will keep the same hours and number of employees, 15, for now, but Hargrove said that if traffic at the branch increases, expansion is possible.

"We are really proud to have the location (at the Arsenal) and recognize the importance of Redstone Arsenal to us," she said. "Our first, and only branch, for many years was on the Arsenal."

RFCU was chartered in 1951. It has 16 branches and 208,000 members from the military, civil service and select employee groups.

# Cohen orders Army, Air Force to check sarin allegations

By Jim Garamone

WASHINGTON—Defense Secretary William S. Cohen June 9 ordered the acting secretaries of the Army and Air Force to investigate a news report that the services used sarin nerve agent in Laos in 1970.

CNN and Time magazine published the allegation June 8 in accounts about Operation Tailwind, a special operations mission. Use of sarin would have been against U.S. policy at the time. In 1969, President Richard Nixon vowed the United States would not use chemical agents first.

Cohen gave the acting secretaries 30 days to report their investigation findings to him. He said he was not aware of any information that would substantiate the news story. Also, Army and Air Force historians have reported finding no evidence nerve agents were used.

"The U.S. Army has found no documentary evidence to support CNN's claims that nerve gas of any type was used in Operation Tailwind in September 1970 or in any other Army

operation within or outside South Vietnam," said Graham Cosmas, a historian with the Army's Center for Military History here.

Cosmas also said U.S. forces in Southeast Asia often employed tear gas and other riot control agents. "However, no lethal agents of any sort are known to have been employed," he said.

A search of Air Force historical records also did not turn up any hint of U.S. use of lethal chemical weapons during Operation Tailwind.

According to the news reports, U.S. soldiers and Montagnard allies went into Laos to destroy an enemy enclave and kill U.S. defectors believed to be hiding there. (Montagnards are a group of people who live in the mountainous regions of Laos and Vietnam.) The story claims sarin was used to eliminate resistance and later to defeat an enemy counterattack. DoD records say the only mission was to locate and destroy enemy caches of ammunition, weapons and supplies in Laos and to gather intelligence.

(American Forces Press Service)

# TOWN HALL

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talked about the Acquisition Workforce Demonstration, and acknowledged there were concerns about it. He noted the Department of Defense's Consideration of Others program and showed a short film about it.

"The Consideration of Others program is just simply taking time to hear people and understand the people that you work with and make sure the working environment is right and people are being treated as you would like to be treated yourself," Montgomery said.

"I would challenge you as leaders in a group to try to implement the things that they talked about in the film—to draw out some of

the things that might be festering problems in the workplace that you can only get resolved after you talk about them.

"People are the most important asset this Army has and we all need to treat each other as we'd like to be treated.

"The jobs you are doing are critical to our Army and to our nation. I applaud you for doing it—keep driving on," Montgomery said. "The rest of this year and 1999 are going to be hallmark years for air and missile defense. You're leading the way—let's remain that way."

(Editor's note: Davis works in the Program Executive Office, Air and Missile Defense.)

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# New director says Megacenter staying open

## Defense computer processing center part of consolidation

By Sandy Riebeling

Amid rumors of closing and relocation, Fred Bright, new director of the Defense Megacenter, Huntsville, wants to set the record straight.

"We are not closing," Bright said. "Our large Mainframe CPU workload is moving to St. Louis, probably within the next year, but we will still be providing mid-tier processing. We will still be able to provide services to our customers and most importantly, to our soldiers out in the field."

The downsizing, or partial relocation to St. Louis, is the result of an ongoing consolidation effort by the Defense Information Systems Agency, which actually started back in the early 1990s when 154 data processing centers from four branches of the military were consolidated into 16 megacenters. This latest centralization will result in only six megacenters.

"One of the major determining factors of the mainframe relocation was facilities," Bright said. "We're one of the smallest of the 16. St. Louis has a lot of room for expansion."

Bright expects to lose about half of the 112 people currently working at the DMC. A few people will be going to St. Louis, but many will be relocated through DISA referral or the Priority Placement Program. Some will go to private industry.

Eventually the organization will be renamed, the DISA Services Activity Huntsville. The areas of responsibility, in addition to mid-tier computer processing, will include remote support to Army and DFAS mainframe operations at DMC St. Louis for application release management, system monitoring (restart and recovery), job scheduling, database management and telecommunications support.

"We handle all business related data," Bright said. "We are a data processing center which includes missile wholesale and retail logistics."

One of the most elementary ways in which DMC touches the lives of AMCOM employees is that of the paycheck. The time and attendance program tracks hours worked,

overtime, vacation time and such, and processes that information, relaying it to an outside source which then actually cuts the checks.

To support all of its customers, the DMC stays open 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

"Soldiers in the field are there around the clock, so are we," Bright said. "If they need a part, we have to be open to process the order through."

Shutdowns rarely occur, but when they do, it usually has something to do with Mother Nature. DMC shut down from around 5 a.m. to 10 a.m. on June 5, during a severe storm that uprooted trees and caused power outages across several counties in the area.

"The shutdown last week wasn't because of the power failure, but weather did have something to do with it," Bright said.

Because of the lightning strikes and intermittent power, the blower motor on the main air conditioning unit shorted out. Without the air conditioning, temperatures in the building housing the computers started to rise and DMC shut down, to save data and equipment.

"The equipment is very heat sensitive. Without the air conditioning, it started to heat up pretty quickly and we had to shut down. Once RASA DPW replaced the motor, and cooled the room down, we started up again," said Bright, crediting the Redstone Arsenal Support Activity's Directorate of Public Works for the quick repair.

It was an exciting beginning for Bright as the new director, succeeding Randall Witty, who transferred in May to Forces Command headquarters Fort McPherson, Ga. But Bright is no stranger to computer equipment frailties or Alabama weather.

An Alabama native, Bright was born in Gadsden, a town about 75 miles south of Huntsville. He attended Auburn University before joining the Army in 1960.

"I was in the Active Army Reserve," Bright said. "That's where you served six months active duty then five and half years in the active reserves."



by Sandy Riebeling

**LOTS OF PAPERWORK—** Running the megacenter means lots of paperwork for new director, Fred Bright, with secretary Elaine Cantrell.

He first came to Redstone in 1962 as an electrical accounting machine operator. "I was just coming in at the same time as computers."

Bright left the government in 1967 to work in industry and then for the Army Corps of Engineers, but returned to Redstone in 1989, as a programmer analyst. He was chief of the Technical Support Division of DMC before assuming the director's responsibilities last month.

"We are continually seeking opportunities to enhance automation support for our customers," Bright said.

He and his wife, Glenda, have one married daughter, Jill Tayes, who is also involved in the computer field as a private consultant.

He splits his spare time between fishing and weekend travel to Gadsden to visit with his parents.

Bright welcomes inquiries about services the DMC can provide to its customers. For more information, call 955-6929.

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A summertime nightmare...

# Sunburn, bugs and snakes can ruin a good vacation

By Cherie Miller

June is National Safety Month and also signals the beginning of the summer vacation season. Vacations, picnics, and other summertime activities can be fun when they're not spoiled by summertime threats—heat injuries, insect and snake bites, poisonous plants, and food-borne illnesses. Here are some tips to help ensure a fun and safe summer vacation.

Heat injuries include heat cramps, heat exhaustion, and heat stroke. Sunburn, while not medically classified as a heat injury, is also a concern. Since most heat injuries are caused by excessive loss of body fluids, the most important preventive measure is to drink plenty of water—about a quart an hour during strenuous outdoor activities. Avoid alcoholic and caffeinated beverages which increase urine output. Plan to do heavy work and recreational activities during the cooler morning and evening hours and take frequent rest breaks. To avoid sunburn, always use a good sunscreen and re-apply frequently.

### Insect pests

Ticks may transmit diseases such as Lyme disease, Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever, and Human Ehrlichiosis. Ticks live in low brush and grassy areas and are attracted by carbon dioxide exhaled by humans and animals. Keeping lawns mowed and controlling brush and other

vegetation will help keep tick populations to a minimum. For personal protection against ticks, use a commercial insect repellent effective against ticks or containing the chemical permethrin. These are pesticides so use them according to the label instructions. If bitten, remove the tick by the head with tweezers as close to the bite site as possible. Cleanse the wound and your hands with soap and water and apply an antiseptic to the bite.

Another summertime insect pest is the mosquito. Mosquitoes breed in wet areas where there is stagnant or slow moving water. Mosquito larvae generally rest at or near the surface of the water singly or in "rafts." Some common breeding sites to look for around the home or workplace are children's pools and other children's toys, flowerpots, ditches or other holes which hold water, etc. Drain any standing water and fill holes or ditches when possible. Larval briquettes are now available commercially for controlling mosquito populations before they become adults. Look for briquettes in the garden department of most retailers.

### Avoid snakes

Numerous poisonous snakes are present in the Tennessee Valley including copperheads, rattlesnakes, and cottonmouths (water moccasin). It is important to remember that most snakes are non-poisonous and all snakes are valuable for rodent control. Poisonous snakes have thick bodies with flat, triangular heads and narrow slit eyes as opposed to the rounded bodies and eyes of non-poisonous snakes. Most snakes will not bite unless provoked, so stay on paths and away from tall grass or brush when hiking. Watch where you walk or place your hands to avoid disturbing a snake and if you do see one—leave it alone! If you are bitten, cleanse the wound and seek medical attention immediately.

Poison ivy, oak, and sumac can be found as vines, shrubs, and small trees.

They produce a sap which can cause an allergic reaction when contact is made with the leaves, stems or vines. Typically, a red, itchy rash develops that may last for 10 days to four weeks. Learn to recognize these plants so that you can avoid contact with

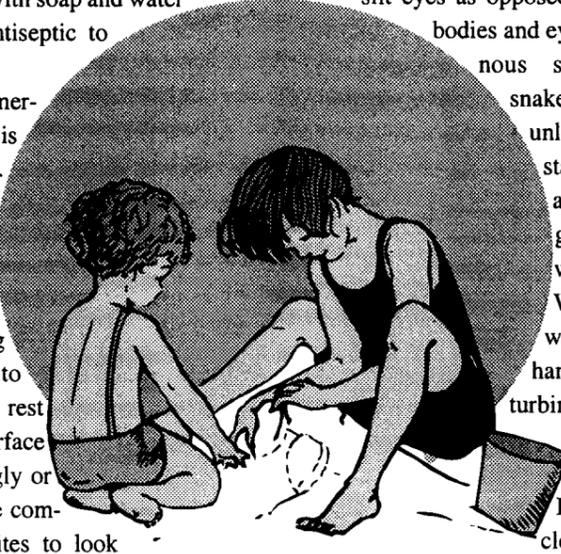
them. If you do find them near your home, destroy them chemically or by physically removing the plants. Wear protective clothing when removing the plants and do not burn them as the smoke may be irritating. When walking in fields or woods, wear long pants, socks, and long-sleeved shirts to protect you from contact with the plants.

### Food handling

Picnics are fun summer activities, especially when your favorite picnic foods are safe to eat. The combination of protein foods (such as meats, poultry, and dairy products) and warm temperatures can cause food-borne bacteria to multiply to unsafe levels. Some common food-borne illnesses include salmonella, staphylococcus infections, and clostridium perfringens. Proper food handling is the key to preventing these illnesses. Prepare foods as close to serving time as possible and keep cold foods cold (45 degrees Fahrenheit) and hot foods hot (140 F). After eating, wrap or cover all foods securely and place in a cooler or other refrigeration unit. Make sure to wash your hands thoroughly before preparing, serving or eating foods.

Insects, sunburn, food-borne illnesses—they can all put a damper on summertime fun. Preventing them is the key to having an enjoyable and safe vacation season.

*(Editor's note: Miller is environmental health/safety manager at Public Health and Education, Fox Army Health Center.)*



## AER campaign contributors thanked for their efforts

By Skip Vaughn

Even in these uncertain times, the members of Team Redstone showed they care about military families.

The annual Army Emergency Relief campaign raised \$63,750 which exceeded the \$40,000 goal. Contributing agencies were thanked Monday in an AER recognition ceremony at the Sparkman Auditorium.

"This is not like we are in the most bountiful of times," Col. Duane Brandt, the deputy post commander, said in reference to downsizing and job uncertainty.

"Why is AER on Redstone such a great success?" he asked. "It gets down to people taking care of people. And when you get down to that level, I think you find the true heart of Team Redstone."

Maj. Gen. Emmitt Gibson, commander of AMCOM

and Redstone Arsenal, thanked the participants for the most successful campaign since the Desert Shield/Desert Storm time frame.

"Your willingness to help others made this campaign a success," Gibson said.

Army Emergency Relief provides interest-free loans or grants to active and retired servicemembers and their families in times of emergency needs.

CWO 3 Lee Samuelson and his wife, Sharon, served as co-chairmen for the fund-raising campaign. Sgt. Aaron Williams was the NCO-in-charge.

"I know that there's a lot of people out there that put a lot of time and a lot of effort on this campaign," CWO 3 Samuelson said.



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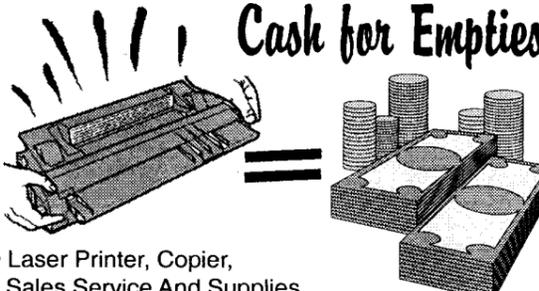
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# Sports minded...

**Name the nine U.S. stadiums originally selected to host soccer's World Cup 1994 games.**

Answer: Cotton Bowl, Dallas; Florida Citrus Bowl, Orlando, Fla.; Foxboro Stadium, Foxboro, Mass.; Giants Stadium, East Rutherford, N.J.; Pontiac Silverdome, Pontiac, Mich.; Robert F. Kennedy Stadium, Washington; Rose Bowl, Pasadena, Calif.; Soldier Field, Chicago; Stanford Stadium, Palo Alto, Calif.

**Wrigley Field is the oldest National League baseball stadium still in use (1914). What are the next two oldest National League ball parks?**

Answer: 3COM Park (Candlestick Park) in San Francisco (1960) and Dodger Stadium in Los Angeles (1962)

**What is the oldest arena currently hosting an NBA team?**

Answer: The Los Angeles Sports Arena (Los Angeles Clippers), built in 1959

**What was the original home arena of the NHL's San Jose Sharks?**

Answer: The Cow Palace, Daly City, Calif.

**What on-campus college basketball arena seats the most spectators?**

Answer: Carrier Dome, Syracuse (N.Y.) University (33,000)

**Louisiana State University's basketball arena is named for what now-deceased famous LSU graduate and former NBA scoring champion?**

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**ter at the University of North Carolina is the largest Atlantic Coast Conference arena (21,572). What is the smallest?**

Answer: The University of Virginia's University Hall (8,864)

**Name the five largest college football stadiums.**

Answer: Michigan Stadium (University of Michigan), Ann Arbor, Mich., 103,501; Rose Bowl (UCLA), Pasadena, Calif., 102,083; Beaver Stadium (Penn State), University Park, Pa., 93,713; Memorial Coliseum (University of Southern California), Los Angeles, 92,516; Neyland Stadium (University of Tennessee) Knoxville, Tenn., 91,902.

(American Forces Press Service)

## AIRFIELD

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The construction projects funded for Redstone include:

- \$14 million for family housing replacement construction— A project to replace 118 junior and senior housing units, on the north side of Goss Road. This will include single and duplex-type units for family housing which should be completed by the end of 2000.

- \$13.6 million for the Lifecycle Software Engineering Center— This facility is being constructed for the Battlefield Automation Directorate, formerly called the Software Engineering Directorate. Building 6201 will serve as an annex to the directorate's existing building 6260. "We have outgrown the facility that we currently have," Col. Duane Brandt, the deputy post commander, said. A design-build contract is scheduled to be awarded in July, with construction starting in August and completion in February 2000.

- \$1.55 million for an Airfield Operations Center— A new facility to replace the World War II-era facilities serving Redstone's air strip. When completed, the Airfield Operations Center will include rooms for pre-flight briefings, training, administrative functions, locker rooms, and storage.

"This will be important for Redstone's future," Cramer said of the construction projects.

This is just the first hurdle for the airfield project which is expected to be completed in fiscal 2000. Plans are in the early stages now, according to Pam Knauf, management assistant in the Directorate of Flight Operations.

"We understand that it has to go through four different appropriations to be approved, and it's been approved so far through one," Knauf said.

Under these plans the operations building, 4809, would be replaced along with building 4810, a maintenance facility on the other side of the tower. The tower, building 4808, would remain intact. The new Operations Center would be connected directly with the tower. This means "more or less having one big building instead of (three) separate buildings," Knauf said.

The current operations building includes operations personnel, flight records people,

and administrative offices. Eight workers are there on a regular basis. It's also a place for flight crews waiting on their planes, passengers, and pilots working on their flight plans. The new building will include a VIP conference room.

"I think it'll be wonderful," Knauf said of the new Operations Center. "The original front part of the building was built in 1943. The section we're in right now was added in 1956.

"It'll be more efficient operations for everyone involved— for the assigned personnel, passengers and flight crews," she said. "And in the long run, it'll probably be more efficient for utilities."

Sgt. Paul McAllister, flight operations NCO, said the new facilities are needed. "The building is old," he said. "You can tell, take a look at the roof tiles up there. The equipment we're using is 1970s era. It needs to be updated," he said.

McAllister, 25, from Jacksonville Beach, Fla., won't be around to see the new facilities because he's due to leave for Germany in August after two years at Redstone. "Hopefully everything goes through," he said of the construction plans.

Some 8,328 aircraft landed and took off from Redstone Army Airfield during fiscal 1997.

Aviation support for the missions assigned to Redstone Arsenal has been an integral part of the installation's history since World War II, according to the AMCOM Historical Office. During the 1940s, today's post was actually two separate facilities— one a part of the Chemical Warfare Service (Huntsville Arsenal), and the other falling under the jurisdiction of the Ordnance Corps (Redstone Arsenal). The airfield's original runway and first administrative building were built at Huntsville Arsenal in 1943 to accommodate the planes used to test clusters of incendiary bombs and smoke gre-nades. The airfield, along with the rest of Huntsville Arsenal, was transferred to the Ordnance installation in June 1949.

The airfield underwent extensive renovations in 1956. By May 1956, an operations building had been constructed which housed office equipment, a passenger waiting room, and communications equipment.

First Quarter honoree...

# Health benefits adviser goes extra mile for Fox center customers

By Skip Vaughn

Lue Fullwood answers the phone with a cheery greeting and welcomes a stranger into her office like she's known him for years.

Fullwood, health benefits adviser at Fox Army Health Center, is recognized for going the extra mile for her customers.

She is the winner of the First Quarter 1998 Extra Mile Club Award presented by the health center. Fullwood was nominated by her customers four times during the January to March quarter. Each nomination described her as a "caring and compassionate person dedicated to exemplary customer service."

"Ms. Fullwood sets an example for all to emulate and Fox is proud to have her on staff," a prepared



Photo by Skip Vaughn

**IN OFFICE— Fullwood, left, talks with Spec. Linda Bedard, patient administration specialist.**

release from the health center said.

"I highly appreciate it very much," Fullwood said of the award. "Everyone who was involved, the

Extra Mile Club, and all those who selected me to be the extra mile person. And I'm proud to be working at Fox Army Health Center as a health benefits adviser."



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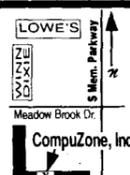
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# Software development lab unveiled at Teledyne

Multi-user facility adds a new dimension to missile defense community

By Connie Davis

The Air and Missile Defense Integration Lab was officially opened by Brig. Gen. Daniel Montgomery, program executive officer for air and missile defense, and Richard Holloway, president of Teledyne Brown, in a ribbon-cutting ceremony June 10 at Teledyne Brown Engineering in Huntsville.

This software development lab was developed as a multi-user facility, with space and resources available for programs related to air and missile defense. The lab contains a classified development area of about 2,600 square feet, as well as a general-purpose, unclassified viewing/demonstration area that seats 25-30 people.

"I think the integration lab we opened here today really brings forth a tool that integrates the different systems that we have, shows how they can interact in a combat situation and adds a whole new dimension to missile defense," Holloway

said.

The primary user of the new lab is the PEO AMD's Theater Missile Defense System Exerciser program, a hardware in-the-loop test capability designed to test interoperability among separately developed theater missile defense systems. The TMDSE is a joint program developed by the Ballistic Missile Defense Organization and supported by each of the four services.

"The TMD System Exerciser is not only a tool that the Army needs for interoperability of Army systems, but also a tool to use for interoperability of other BMDO systems," said Ray Washburn of the PEO AMD, Technical Support Directorate, who has been working with the TMDSE for the past five years.

Another future user of the lab will be an Army hardware-in-the-loop interoperability test tool, the Task Force Exerciser.

(Editor's note: Davis works in the Program



Photo by Connie Davis

**LAB BRIEFING—** Montgomery, right, and Richard Holloway, president of Teledyne Brown Engineering, discuss interoperability in the new air and missile defense integration lab.

## Navy Secretary Dalton returning to private sector

By Rudi Williams

WASHINGTON— Navy Secretary John Dalton announced June 8 his intention to leave office in December after more than five years as leader of the Navy Department.

"John Dalton has done a tremendous job as secretary of the Navy, and he will be missed," Defense Secretary William Cohen said when announcing Dalton's resignation. "He entered as head of the finest Navy-Marine Corps Team the world has

ever known. He will leave behind a department with high morale, a strong sense of purpose and a clear vision of the future. I wish him well in his future endeavors."

Dalton, a 57-year-old New Orleans native, graduated with distinction in 1964 from the U.S. Naval Academy, Annapolis, Md. He was deputy brigade commander, the academy's second highest-ranking cadet position. He served on active duty from 1964 to 1969 as a communications and weapons officer aboard nuclear submarines. He was promoted to lieutenant

commander in the Naval Reserve.

"I feel greatly blessed to serve as Navy secretary," Dalton said. "The Department of the Navy has been transformed, and I am proud to have participated in that. During my nearly five years in office, it has been a privilege and an honor to work with the sailors, Marines and civilians that make up the Navy-Marine Corps Team."

He said he plans to return to the private sector and will spend his remaining six months in office focusing on recruiting efforts, ratification of the Law of the Sea Treaty and development of the Navy Ethics Center at the Naval Academy.

(American Forces Press Service)

## DoD seeks firsthand accounts from Gulf War veterans

By Douglas Gillert

WASHINGTON— The Defense Department wants more firsthand accounts from Gulf War veterans to help investigators determine potential causes of Gulf War illnesses.

Such accounts have in the past proved valuable to investigators, according to Bernard Rostker, DoD special assistant for the investigation. The Pentagon needs firsthand information to resolve issues concerning the war and to better protect servicemembers in future conflicts, he said.

"If we can't explain what went on in the Gulf, then we will have a very poor ability to put in place military doctrine, medical policies and procedures that would allow us to avoid these kinds of problems in the future," Rostker said.

### Case pursued

Investigators are pursuing the case of a Marine allegedly exposed to a chemical on or the week after Feb. 27, 1991. The incident is thought to have

occurred near Kabrit, Saudi Arabia, when the Marine was taking readings with a Fox chemical detection vehicle. The Marine was trying to determine whether enemy prisoner of war gear contained a chemical agent. He subsequently developed blisters.

Investigators are looking for a Marine staff sergeant or other witnesses who may have been present and could provide critical information. Witnesses who call should report that they have information pertaining to the "injured Marine" investigation.

Researchers also want to locate and interview people present at the Al Nasiriyah special weapons facility in Iraq, servicemembers who know about other chemical incidents and anyone else who had post-war contact with wounded Iraqi soldiers. They also want to talk with veterans about the short- and long-term symptoms suffered as a result of exposure to smoke from oil well fires, and to health care providers regarding vaccine administration.

### Reporting line

People with information about these and any other potential chemical exposure incidents during the Gulf War can contact either the veterans data management at (800) 497-6261 or the incident reporting line at (800) 472-6719.

Since Rostker's office was established in November 1996, DoD has released 10 case narratives that focused on possible exposure to chemical or biological agents. The narratives present case facts and assess suspected incidents. Investigators rely heavily on firsthand accounts for insights into the conditions surrounding the incidents, according to research officials.

Military personnel with the ability to reconstruct battlefield operations will interview callers, officials said.

For background information on the investigation, visit the GulfLINK home page on the World Wide Web at [www.gulfink.osd.mil](http://www.gulfink.osd.mil)

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# Agencies share contract info on test equipment

## TMDE Activity serves as host for joint working group meeting held in May

By Tim Greenlee

As the Army's functional proponent activity for the DoD Consolidated Test Equipment Listing (DODCEL), the Test Measurement and Diagnostic Equipment Activity held a joint working group meeting May 19-21 at the Radisson Inn, Huntsville Airport, in Madison.

In attendance were representatives from the Federal Aviation Administration, Coast Guard, Army, Air Force, Navy, Marines, National Security Agency, and Department of Justice, Immigration, and Naturalization Service.

The purpose of the meeting was to discuss current and future electronic test equipment contracts. The theme of this year's meeting was "Best Commercial Practices." Presentations on this topic were given by Bill Quigley, president, National Conference of Standards Laboratories, and 11 industry representatives nationwide. Quigley and Clint Plant, Huntsville Section NCSL representative, planned the Best Commercial Practices presentation for the DODCEL Conference. The NCSL is the international measurement science community's premier professional association. It was formed in 1961 to promote cooperative efforts for solving the common problems faced by measurement. Dr. Frank West-

moreland, director of engineering, acquisition and logistics at TMDE Activity, chaired this year's meeting.

The DODCEL was started by Robert DuBois, director of TMDE Activity, in 1987. A joint working group was established within DoD to share electronic test equipment contracts between the services. The original members for the DODCEL were the Army, Air Force, Coast Guard, Navy, Marine Corps, and Defense Logistics Agency. The program has expanded to include the National Security Agency and the Federal Aviation Administration. An invitation has been offered to other agencies such as the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration and the Department of Justice, Immigration and Naturalization Service to participate in the DODCEL program.

What is the DODCEL program? The DODCEL program is the designated buying guide for all DoD services and other

participating governmental agencies. It is also the primary vehicle for communicating available, or soon to be available, opportunities for joint service or agency electronic test equipment acquisitions. The DODCEL catalog of available contracts, managed by the joint working group, is published by Tim Greenlee, TMDE Activity, functional manager for the program. The DODCEL has continued to exist over the years

*By exercising consolidated purchases, electronic test equipment cost can be reduced as much as 50 percent.*

because it has saved millions of dollars on test, measurement and diagnostic equipment acquisitions. The reported savings for the past year alone exceeds \$10 million.

How does the DODCEL work? The DODCEL lists electronic test equipment used by one or more services or agencies that have an existing contract. Each service or agency can look at another's forecast and tell the proponent service what they plan to buy. By exercising consolidated purchases, electronic test equipment cost can be reduced as much as 50 percent.

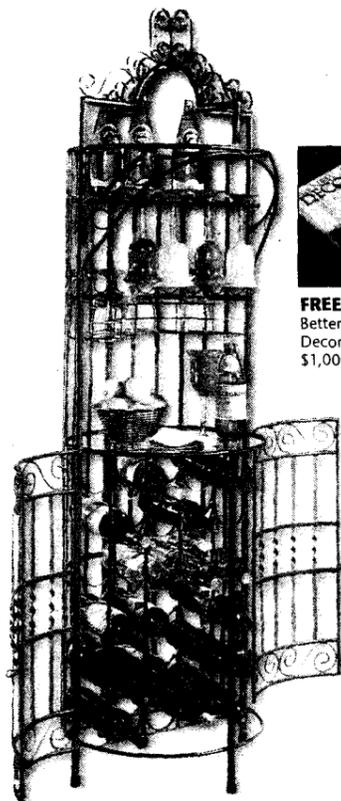
The TMDE Activity maintains lists of all the current and forecast contracts for the members to review, and also publishes a newsletter and maintains an interactive news list for its members.

The DODCEL has kept abreast of technology over the years. First published in 1987 as a preferred items listing, it became DA Pamphlet 700-21-2 in 1990, and in 1995 and 1996 the DA pamphlet was distributed as Draft DA Pamphlet 700-21-2 on floppy disk and compact disk. Today the DODCEL information is maintained on the World Wide Web at <http://dodcel.redstone.army.mil>. The internet site also has links to test equipment sites for other services and agencies.

Members of the DODCEL joint working group include Dave Lewis, National Security Agency; Don Spofford, Air Force; Ralph Compton, Navy; Westmoreland, DODCEL chairman; Joe Myers, Army; Skip Heflin, FAA; Stan Moore, Coast Guard; Tim Greenlee, DODCEL manager; and John Finke, Marine Corps.

(Editor's note: Greenlee is a logistics management specialist at TMDE Activity which is part of the Aviation and Missile Command.)

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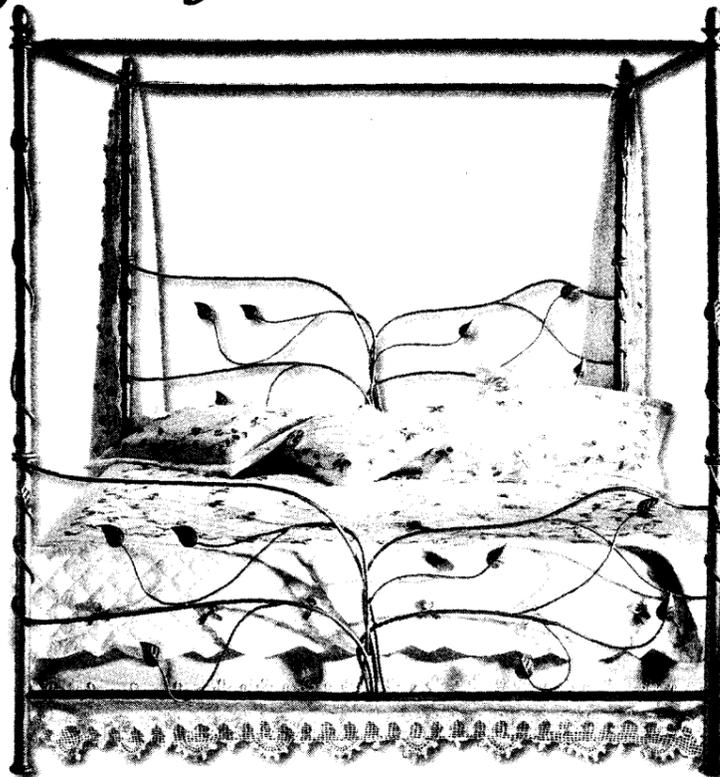


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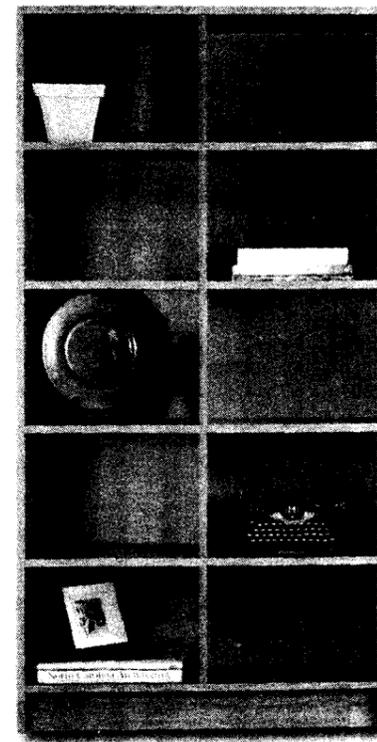
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- **Summer swim lessons**— Register for summer swim lessons at pool 3, building 126, on Goss Road. You may sign up between 11 a.m. and 5 p.m. every day except Wednesdays. There are eight lessons per session (within a two-week period) and each session is \$15. For more information, call Gail at Outdoor Recreation 876-0901, or pool 3 at 876-6713.
- **Turkey shoot**— The next Outdoor Recreation Turkey Shoot is scheduled for July 11 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. The Turkey shoot is open to active duty, retired military, DoD civilians,

DA civilians, RSA contractors, family members, and guests. Outdoor Recreation will provide weapons or you may bring your own 12-gauge shotgun. The cost is \$3 per shot. For more information, call 876-4868. Prizes to be awarded. The location is between the Trap & Skeet ranges on Sportsman Road. For your safety the Trap & Skeet ranges will be closed.

- **Arts & Crafts center**— Hours of Operation: Tuesdays and Wednesdays 1:30-9:30 p.m., Thursdays 5-9:30 p.m., Fridays and Saturdays 9 a.m.-5 p.m., and closed on Sundays and Mondays, located at 3615 Gray Road. For more information, call 876-7951.
- **Recreation Center tours**— Looney's Tavern: The Aftermath & The Legacy, June 20; outdoor Civil War costume drama; departs 5 p.m., returns approximately midnight; adults \$30, children 3-12 \$21; price includes dinner at Sister Sara's Kitchen. Point Mallard Water Park tickets available; adult tickets are \$8; children ages 5-11 are \$5.50; tickets may be purchased by the entire

Redstone community in building 3711 near the corner of Patton and Aerobee. 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 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Call at 876-4531 for more information.

- **Father's Day brunch**— The Officers Club will hold a Father's Day Brunch on June 21 from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Reservations required. For more information, call 830-2582.
- **Father's Day special**— The staff of the Challenger would like to invite all fathers to a special Father's Day Bingo game on June 21. The game will pay out 80 percent of that game's sales. Fathers will receive one free card and additional cards may be purchased for \$1 each. In addition to the special game, door prizes will be given away to fathers only. For more information, call Jay Foster 837-0750.

# FLAMINGOS

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following St. Patrick's day. Players get into the spirit by hosting visits from the neighborhood flock and placing their own out front in festive decor to match the season or displaying the often odd events in life.

"Susanne's cats couldn't stand the flamingos in her yard so they attacked them," Carr said. "It was a terrible mess. Johnson cared for their wounds with bandages, while her cats put out the message in bold lettering in the yard, 'Cats rule.'"

Besides the usual Christmas, Easter holidays, the flamingos have celebrated graduation with caps and diplomas in Johnson's yard, whose daughter Stacy graduated this year.

"A major drove by the yard while I was taking everything down and said, 'Now that they've graduated, they need to get jobs,'" Johnson said.

A homeless flamingo sporting a sign, "will work for food" mysteriously appeared in the yard of Col. Ken and Sharon Curico, who generously opened their home to him.

The flamingos have participated in an Army-



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Marine basketball game, in which the Army won.

Lt. Col. Mike and Jay Johnson joined in the fun with a missile launching celebration, including two flamingos received on Mother's Day. And in May, Lt. Col. Robert and Jane Christian surprised the neighborhood by putting up a Maypole Tableau for the flamingo Maypole dance.

"People here really enjoy it," Carr said. "It's a nice icebreaker in the neighborhood. People come from other areas just to see our flamingos."

The Officer and Civilian Women's Club is considering using the flamingos as a fund-raiser by "pinking" people's yards. The flock numbers in the 20s and is hoping to grow.

"It's not easy to find them," said Carr, adding that a pair can cost anywhere between \$5 and \$25.

The flamingo flock will make a special guest appearance at a party on Simpson Drive later this month and special Father's Day plans are in the works.

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# Personnel most vulnerable to attack will get anthrax vaccine first

By Jim Garamone

WASHINGTON — Servicemembers most vulnerable to an anthrax attack will be the first inoculated against the biological weapon, the Army's top doctor said here recently.

Lt. Gen. Ronald R. Blanck, Army surgeon general, said the total force inoculation program will begin in August. The Army is the lead agent for the DoD program.

The Joint Chiefs of Staff will determine which units will receive the vaccine first. The vaccination schedule is classified. "By and large the folks who respond first will get the immunization first," Blanck said. He said he assumed overseas members would be high up the list.

All active and reserve component members will receive the vaccinations. Some reserve component members may receive the shots before active duty personnel if their jobs could expose them to biological attack, said Army Surgeon General officials.

The Army will offer the vaccine to U.S. government civilian employees if they are deployed or employed in danger areas.

President Clinton announced the expansion of the vaccination program May 22 during the Naval Academy commencement in Annapolis, Md. Troops in the Persian Gulf region — most at risk to an Iraqi biological attack — started the inoculations in March. To date, more than 40,000 servicemembers based in that region, or going there, have started the six-shot series.

Blanck said the shots are safe. The FDA approved the vaccine in the early 1970s, and civilian experience validates its safety. Still, Defense Secretary William S. Cohen set four conditions before starting inoculation.

First, he ordered supplemental testing of the vaccine produced by Michigan Biologic Products Institute. Second, the services had to assure tracking of every vaccination. Third, DoD and the services had to devise a plan to educate

servicemembers about the inoculation program. Finally, DoD would proceed only if an external review showed the program was safe and would protect service members.

"Those have all been completed, and it was based on meeting those four preconditions that [Secretary Cohen] allowed us to proceed in March with the in-theater immunization of folks in Southwest Asia," a senior military official said during a background briefing.

After the first shot, servicemembers receive the others at two weeks, four weeks, six months, 12 months and 18 months. Annual booster shots maintain their protection. The entire series costs about \$20 per person. It will take five to seven years to inoculate all servicemembers.

"Of course, it will never actually be completed, because we always have new people coming into the

force," Blanck said.

To date, he said, the most common side effect servicemembers have experienced is arm soreness.

"This is not a live vaccine. It is a killed bacteria, so you would not expect there to be side effects from the shot itself," he said. "The antibodies that [the vaccine] produces can sometimes cause that local soreness. I suspect that we'll see more of that when folks get into their fifth and sixth shot."

Blanck said DoD is assessing other biological threats. He named plague, Q-fever, tularemia and botulinum as some germs enemies could use against U.S. forces. He said Army surgeon general researchers are working on vaccines to counter these threats.

(American Forces Press Service)

## Announcements

### Redstone Residents

#### Housing office

The Housing Management Division (family housing, billeting office, and furnishings), buildings 111, 244, and 3653 will be closed from 9:30-noon June 24 to attend training. "We will be open from 7-9:30 a.m. and noon-4:30 p.m.," a prepared release said. "We apologize in advance for any inconvenience this may cause to you."

### Ceremonies

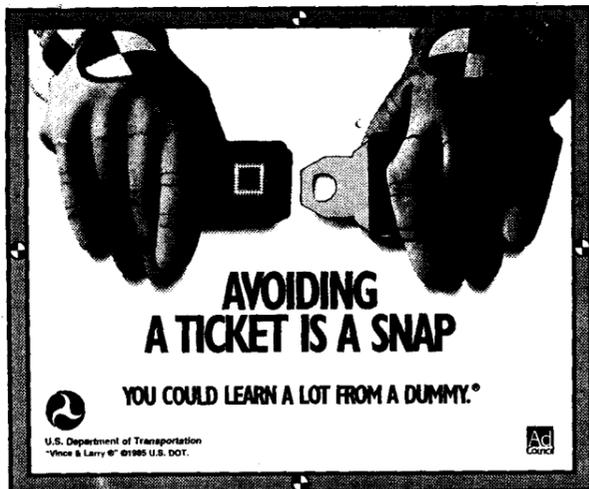
#### NCO Academy graduation

The NCO Academy will hold a graduation ceremony for the Basic Noncommissioned Officer Course at 9 a.m. Thursday in graduation hall of building 3329. The public is invited. For more information, call 955-7954.

#### Quarterly retirement

The Quarterly Retirement Ceremony will take place July 9 at 4 p.m. behind building 3437 (HHC AMCOM).

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### Miscellaneous

#### Team Redstone picnic

The Aviation and Missile RD&E Centers are co-hosts of this year's Team Redstone Organizational Day, July 14 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Col. Carroll D. Hudson Recreation Area. Rain Date is July 15. This is a family event for all Redstone Arsenal Army employees, spouses and children to enjoy the river and leisure time with their co-workers and families. There are sporting events, children's activities, music, military displays, bingo, and a free sack lunch/drink for all attendees. Door prizes will be given away throughout the day. Shuttle transportation will be provided from strategic points throughout the Arsenal. More information may be obtained from the AMCOM Community Bulletin Board. For information call Maud Woodsinger 955-7765 or Sherry Hilley 842-6715.

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#### Post Exchange news

The PX Service Station, building 3240, will operate with these new hours starting June 22: Monday, closed; Tuesday through Friday, 7 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Saturday, 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Sunday, closed.

#### IG assessment

The AMCOM Inspector General Office is conducting an assessment of children's services on Redstone Arsenal. Anyone wishing to surface concerns for consideration in this review may do so in person, telephonically (876-9701), or in writing to AMSAM-IG, building 111. If you desire to speak in person with a member of the team, call 876-9701 for an appointment.

#### Resume workshop

A workshop on writing an effective resume will be held 10-11 a.m. Thursday at Army Community Service, building 3491. To register call 876-5397.

#### Army families

Army Family Team Building is a training program designed to prepare all military families for various situations and events they may experience in military living. Level I offers information for the new military spouse.

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#### Civilian welfare fund

Get your reservations in early for trips sponsored by the Civilian Welfare Fund Council. All bus packages include transportation and hotel reservations; however, admissions to specific events are not included unless specifically stated. Upcoming trips include the following: Biloxi, Miss.— Oct. 10-12, \$159 per person, based on double occupancy; bus trip and two nights in hotel. Helen, Ga.— Nov 7-8, Oktoberfest celebration, \$89 per person based on double occupancy. If interested in either trip, call Mary Ann Meyer-Schuck 313-1698 for more information or to make reservations. Deposits will be due at a later date.

#### Ten-Miler team

Redstone Arsenal will again be represented by a team at the annual Army Ten-Miler in October in Washington, D.C. The team is to consist of five males and five females plus coach, Skip Vaughn, and assistant coach, Alexander Steel. Team members must meet minimum time standards of 80 minutes for males and 90 minutes for females. Eligible persons include military, Army civilian workers, military family members, and Army civilian family members. They should be stationed here at least through December. Tryouts are planned for 5 a.m. July 24 and 5 a.m. Aug. 1 on a 10-mile course which begins and ends near the Sparkman Fitness Center. For more information, call Vaughn 876-1500.

#### Teen parents

The North Alabama Center for Educational Excellence will sponsor a free workshop for teen parents and those who are about to become teen parents July 9 from 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the center's office, 1515 Sparkman Drive. Refreshments and a lunch will be provided. To register call 722-9632.

#### Weekend MBA class

Nova Southeastern University has the following summer term dates for its weekend MBA class: July 17-18, July 31-Aug. 1, Aug. 14-15, Aug. 28-29, and Sept. 18-19. Classes are held in the Beville Conference Center, conference classroom 289, at 550 Sparkman Drive. For more information call Steve Blackwell, coordinator, 772-5947 or William Spade 800-672-7223 (ext. 5046).

#### Blacks in government

To all members of Blacks in Government (BIG): There will be a special call meeting at 11 a.m. June 22 at Sparkman building 5309, room 9128. "All BIG members, please come. We have important business to discuss," Claude Mitchell, executive vice president, said.

#### Logistics engineers

Tennessee Valley Chapter, SOLE- The International Society of Logistics will have a luncheon today from noon-1:30 in Sparkman Center conference room 9128 (adjacent to cafeteria). Scheduled speaker is Scott Croomes, manager for station life support at NASA. Cost depends on what you select from the cafeteria; SOLE will collect no money for this lunch. For more information, call E. Louise Cooper 955-9624 or Jim Schaaf 830-3827.

#### Chronic fatigue

The Chronic Fatigue/Fibromyalgia Syndrome Support Group of Huntsville will meet from 2-4 p.m. Saturday at the Blackwell Medical Tower at the corner of Gallatin and Sivley. For more information, call 534-4741.

#### Alcoholics Anonymous

A new group of Alcoholics Anonymous meets Thursdays at 11 a.m. in Sparkman Center building 5304, room 4309. For more information, call the AA Central Office 885-0323.

#### Red Cross

The American Red Cross Alabama Region is updating blood donor records for any donor that has donated in another region. Complete information will be used for the upcoming awards banquet July 30 at the Sparkman Center. Information can be updated at any blood drive in Madison County. Information needed includes name, date of birth, social security number, address, number of pints given and the name of the region in which you donated. Information can be faxed to the Red Cross office 539-5914. Deadline is July 3.

#### Art museum

The Huntsville Museum of Art will be open until 9 p.m. on Thursdays throughout the summer. The Museum is at 300 Church St. south in Big Spring Park. Admission is free. Summer hours are Sundays 1-5 p.m., Thursdays 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. See ANNOUNCEMENTS on page 21

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9 p.m., and all other days 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. For more information, call 535-4350.

## Grambling alumni

The Grambling State University Alumni Chapter Steering Committee announces that a GSU Alumni Federation-Huntsville Area Chapter is being chartered. All local graduates interested in joining the alumni chapter should call Donald Lawrence 722-8955 or Claude McClendon 881-7291.

## Retired officers

The Retired Officers Association will have a dinner meeting at 6 p.m. June 24 at the Officers Club. The Rocket City Chorus is to perform. Reservations are required and due by June 20. For more information, call retired Capt. Albert Castelli 859-1340.

## AIDS day

June 19 is the "Day of

Compassion," a day set aside to show compassion for those living with HIV/AIDS, for those who have died and for those who care for people living with HIV/AIDS. Locally, the AIDS Action Coalition will hold a celebration 6-9 p.m. Friday at the gazebo in Big Spring Park.

## Commissary hours

Effective July 12, new commissary hours are as follows: noon to 5 p.m. Sunday; closed Monday; 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesday and Wednesday; 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. Thursday; 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Friday; and 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday.

## Videotapes wanted

AMCOM Public Affairs Office will be collecting videotapes of movies you no longer want at the Army Soldier Show, July 29, prior to the 2 and 7 p.m. performances. Tapes will be donated to the Veterans

Affairs Department and distributed to various Alabama veteran homes and hospitals for their use. Tapes will also be donated to Hope Place, Madison City Shelter for victims of domestic violence. For more information, call Margaret Banish-Donaldson 842-0558.

## Surplus sale

A sealed bid sale of surplus property will be held June 29 at Defense Reutilization and Marketing Office (DRMO), 7405 Warehouse Road, Redstone Arsenal. Property may be inspected 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. June 24-26. Bids are due by 8 a.m. June 29 via fax (876-5097), hand-carry or mail. Verbal bids won't be accepted. For more information, call Donna Davis 842-2570 or Elizabeth Couch 842-9474.

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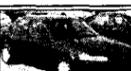
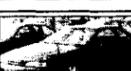
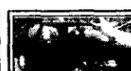
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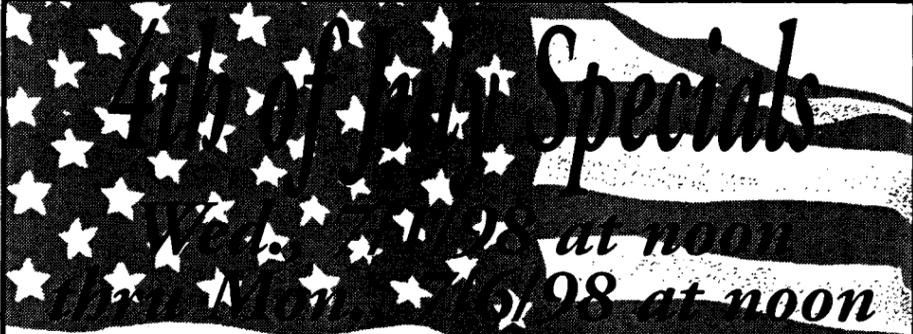
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**'93 Jeep Grand Cherokee Limited.** 4WD, V8, tow pkg., black, saddle leather, all options, 86K mi. \$11,985. 851-1686.

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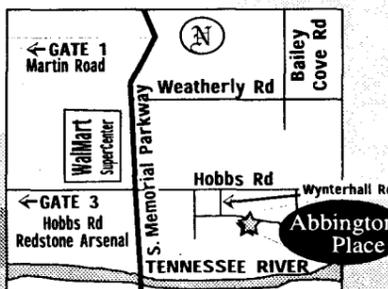
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