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Soaring toward milestone...

Missile system readiness attains 97 percent

By Sandy Riebeling

Army missile systems reached a record high readiness rate of 97 percent in June, one percentage point higher than their record set in January 1996.

"I can't describe any dramatic action that caused the rating but there has been significant modified equipment," said Norbert Lutz, chief of the analysis and sustainment team in the Logistics Support Division at the Integrated Materiel Management Center. "A 97 is fantastic."

Missile system readiness is determined by equipment availability, readiness to go to war and the ability to perform the mission.

"The Army's readiness goal is 90 percent," Elinor Burleson, a logistic management specialist, said. "For the past 14 years all yearly systems averages



Photo by Sandy Riebeling

TEAMWORK— Keeping missile system readiness rates high is a team effort. Burleson with Lutz are two participants on the analysis and sustainment missile and aviation team of 32.

have been at the goal or above."

The Army has 11 missile systems with 1,600

fielded systems worldwide, including Europe, Korea,

Guam, Bosnia, Kuwait, Saudi Arabia, Macedonian

and across the United States.

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Photo by Skip Vaughn

Retirement honors...

Ernie Young, who served as deputy to the commanding general since 1993, is congratulated after his retirement ceremony Aug. 3 at the Sparkman Auditorium. Young was recognized for 42 years of government service.

Students turn in lab coats and return to school after Summer

Science apprentices expect to benefit from research experience

By Skip Vaughn

The ceremony marked the end of this summer's apprentice program for high school and college students, but it seemed like just the beginning.

The young men and women who received their certificates Thursday are just starting to plan what they might be doing when their school years are over. They can draw from their research experience in Army laboratories under the guidance of mentors in this annual program for science and engineering apprentices.

"I would like to extend a hearty thanks to all of you for participating in the program this year," Jerrel McCollum of the Civilian Personnel Advisory Center said. An employee development specialist, he managed the 12th annual apprentice program. More than 450 students have participated since 1986.

The Science and Engineering Apprentice



Photo by Skip Vaughn

DISCUSSING PLANS— After the ceremony LeRoy Daniels, right, talks with John Kirk, a senior at Huntsville High, and Wendy Bohanon, an Arab High School graduate who will attend the University of South Alabama.

Program opened June 15 for selected high school students. A related program for college students is called the College Apprentice Program. The high school students worked here for eight weeks. The college students worked from 8-12 weeks, depending on their schedules.

Thirty-three students, including 24 from

high schools, participated in this summer's apprentice programs. The students received an educational stipend for their work. They were assigned to mentors from throughout the Aviation and Missile Command, mostly with the Missile Research Development and Engineering Center.

"Nothing really comes easy. It just

seems that way from time to time," LeRoy Daniels, the civilian personnel officer, told the students during Thursday's ceremony. "Hard work is the absolute key."

Each high school student researched an assigned project and presented a report at the end of the eight weeks. A competition determined first through third place winners for computer science, physics, chemistry and engineering. Savings bonds awarded to winners included \$200 for first place, \$150 for second and \$100 for third.

The chemistry winner was Wendy Bohanon, who graduated this year from Arab High School and will major in chemical engineering at the University of South Alabama.

"I thought it was a really good program for me to get out in the work force and see how things are actually done," Bohanon said. "And it gave me a good perspective of what my future job might be like."

Other first-place winners included John Kirk of Huntsville High School, engineering; Adam Golden of Decatur High School, physics; and Aaron Tauchen of Buckhorn High School, computer science.



Letters To The Editor

Good Samaritan

On Sunday, Aug. 2, I was using the ATM located in the PX. After talking with a neighbor who was in line, I started to walk away. Suddenly, a lady that I had not noticed before in the line asked me if I had taken all of the money from my transaction out of the machine. After I had assured her that I had it all, she insisted that I count my cash. Looking puzzled I counted my loot and found that I was missing a substantial amount. After a quick joke, "You take \$40 and I'll keep the 20," the woman gave me the missing money. And she would not accept a monetary award as appreciation. I hope this letter does her justice.

As an NCO in the Army, amidst re-evaluating and stressing core values, this act has been a fine example of the most important value (to me) which is integrity. Integrity is greatly needed not only in the armed forces but in all walks of life, no matter where or who you may happen to be. Once again, thanks good Samaritan and God bless.

Name withheld by request

Chemical depots

On Sunday evening, Aug. 2 on CBS' "60 Minutes," Steve Kroft, co-editor, did a piece on, "Whose Chemical Weapons?" CBS states: Most of the stored chemical weapons are 30 to 40 years old, and some are beginning to leak, posing a threat to the tens of thousands of people who live near the eight chemical

depots. These depots are located in Utah, Kentucky, Indiana, Maryland, Colorado, Arkansas, Oregon and Alabama. Nine years ago, Congress voted to pass legislation mandating that the communities around the chemical weapons depots be given maximum protection. So far, the government has allocated \$600 million to buy emergency gear for these communities to prepare them for possible accidents.

Is Redstone Arsenal a chemical weapons depot?
If, yes:

- What was the date of the most recent reportable chemical weapon leak incident at Redstone Arsenal?
- What are the increased risk projections, for chemical weapon leaks by air and/or water, to populations of Redstone Arsenal and the immediate surrounding communities?
- What are the current plans to protect the populations of Redstone Arsenal and the immediate surrounding communities from potential chemical weapon leaks?

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(Editor's note: Redstone Arsenal is not a chemical weapons storage depot, nor does it accept any chemicals or hazardous waste from other sites. The eight chemical stockpile sites referred to in the recent "60 Minutes" broadcast are: Anniston Army Depot, Ala.; Deseret Chemical Activity, Utah; Blue Grass Army Depot, Ky.; Pine Bluff Arsenal, Ark.; Aberdeen Proving Ground, Md.; Newport Army Ammunition Plant, Ind.; Pueblo Army Depot Activity, Colo.; and Umatilla Army Depot Activity, Ore.)

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Threatta Cooksey
Production assistant,
Mr. Man Premiere

Correction

An article in the July 29 issue of *Redstone Rocket* had incorrect directions to Lookout Mountain and Rock City in Chattanooga. It should have said: Just follow 72E to I-24 East to Chattanooga.

Plenty of pain worth the gain for leukemia research

Acquisition Center co-workers do marathon to raise money

By Skip Vaughn

She couldn't be serious. No way. A marathon—26.2 miles of pain, sweat, guts but no glory — even for a worthy cause? No way.

That was the initial reaction when Shannon Shelton first suggested to co-workers at the Acquisition Center that it might be a good idea to do a marathon to raise money for leukemia research. Sarah Kerry and Charlotte Masucci did decide to join Shelton in training for this summer's San Diego Rock-'n-Roll Marathon.

They joined the Team in Training and raised money through pledges. All three completed their first marathon June 21 in San Diego and raised about \$3,000 apiece.

"She (Shelton) encouraged us to do it and then

we kind of went to a group meeting and then we all signed up," Kerry, chief of the Hellfire/Javelin division at the Acquisition Center, said.

The marathon was "a great experience but it was probably harder than I thought," Kerry said. "It was warmer than predicted."

Kerry, 43, ran and walked and finished in 5:36, crossing the finish line with Masucci, 55. Shelton, 36, walked the whole way and finished in 7:16.

"I never want to go through that again in my life," Masucci, chief of ATACMS/BAT division, said. Her maximum distance from now on will probably be 18 miles, she said.

But the pain was worth it for the money raised, according to Masucci. "I

was really excited about what I was able to accomplish as far as raising money for the Leukemia Society. And all those dollars can definitely make a difference," she said. She ran in memory of Marlene Morris, a member of targets acquisition branch, who was diagnosed with leukemia in January and died in April at age 58.

Shelton, a contract specialist in Hellfire/Javelin division, said the marathon experience "was great. I didn't really think it was harder than I expected."

Shelton did have to battle blisters at about 18 miles. "I was really determined I wasn't quitting unless I fell out," she said.

Sporting purple shirts, the members of Team in Training from throughout the United States raised \$15.8 million at the San Diego marathon. Organiz-



Photo by Skip Vaughn

MILES TO GO— From left Shelton, Kerry and Masucci completed the San Diego marathon in June to raise money for the Leukemia Society.

ers reported that this was the most money ever raised at a one-day sport-

ing event.

"I thought it was real rewarding," Shelton said.

"And the generosity of people was really overwhelming."

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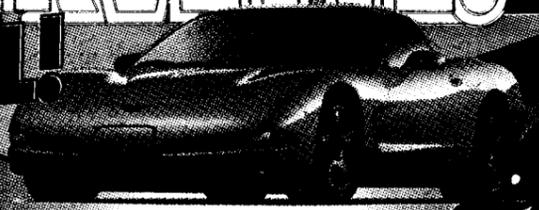
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A family affair...

Program executive office workers spend day in the sun together

The Program Executive Office for Tactical Missiles celebrated PEO-MSL Family Day, July 16 near building 5250. Approximately 1,000 employees and family members participated in the first of what is to become an annual event.

PEO-MSL personnel reserved time from their daily routines in order to share their work sites with their families— spouses, children, parents, grandparents and grandchildren.

Vicky Armbruster, deputy program executive officer for tactical missiles, welcomed everyone. The family members toured the PEO-MSL workplace and then spent most of their time outdoors where many fun activities awaited them.

Dunking booth

The fun activities included a dunking booth, talent show which included Security Officer Bobby Brooks. Small children enjoyed the Kiddie Tent which included face painting (even camouflage), helium balloons and a clown making balloon animals. The dunking booth was a popular activity. Brig. Gen. Willie Nance, Billy Bentley and other management personnel were repeatedly dunked by

co-workers and family. Proceeds from the dunking booth were contributed to the Army Emergency Relief fund.

In addition to the fun activities, each project office distributed flyers and displayed the military hardware representing their respective systems. Children of all ages were in awe as they viewed the hardware and participated in hands-on battlefield simulations. Family members gained an appreciation for what their mothers, fathers, and other family members do every day in support of our soldiers. Many family members enjoyed rides on an MLRS launcher, a Bradley Fighting Vehicle and a High Mobility Multi-Purpose Wheeled Vehicle (HMMWV). Young family members, in particular, enjoyed thrilling rides on the M270 launcher which was operated by Steve Bramlett.

For those family members who managed to take time out from the fun and educational activities, a picnic lunch of hot dogs, hamburgers, potato chips and cokes was available for purchase.

Office mission

The PEO-MSL, which

has a combined staff of approximately 800 civilian and military personnel, is responsible for the centralized management of research, development and procurement of assigned Army tactical missile systems. The PEO-MSL manages more than \$2 billion annually and represents the U.S. government in relationships with more than 30 foreign countries in support of military sales of tactical missile systems.

Those close combat and fire support tactical missile systems which the PEO-MSL manages are: Air-to-Ground Missile System (Laser Hellfire, Longbow Hellfire, Hellfire II); Close Combat Anti-Armor Weapons System TOW2A, TOW2B, IBAS (Improved Bradley Acquisition Subsystem), FOTT (Follow-on-to-TOW), LOSAT (Line of Sight Anti-Tank); Javelin; Multiple Launch Rocket System (Extended Range MLRS, Guided MLRS rocket, MLRS Smart Tactical Rocket, M270 Launcher, and the High Mobility Artillery

Rocket System, M26 Tactical Rocket, and the M28A1 Reduced Range Practice Rocket); and Army TACMS-BAT (Army TACMS Blocks I, IA, II, and IIA, BAT Brilliant Anti-Armor Submunition and the P31 BAT Submunition).

The PEO and deputy PEO, and the PEO-MSL community wish to thank each of the extended family members who took time from their schedules to spend the day with them, the OMMCS, the Redstone Arsenal Fire Department, and the PEO-MSL committee members who worked to make this day a success. The PEO-MSL Family Day committee members included Billy Bentley, Myrtle Nichols, Maj. Bruce Lucas, Melinda Dixon, Patricia Dailey, Marilyn Schild, Lola Spearman, Beryl Cutts, Donnica Richmond, Maj. Tom Harvill, Gina Morgan, Steve Bramlett, Jerry Dahlymple, Amy Barnett, and Capt. Kevin Studdard. (Release from PEO-MSL)

Effective since mid-May...

New law lets participants drop Survivor Benefit Plan

By Alicia K. Borlik

WASHINGTON— Survivor Benefit Plan participants may now drop the program because of a public law passed recently.

The law went into effect May 17 and gives persons retired two or more years until May 16, 1999, to opt out. In the future, all SBP participants reaching their second anniversary of retirement have a one-year window to quit.

Retirees' pay stops with their death. The optional Survivor Benefit Plan pays their families or other designated beneficiaries up to 55 percent of their monthly retired pay.

Retirement-eligible active duty service members — those going over 20 years' service — receive automatic, free maximum SBP coverage for their spouses and children as long as they remain on active duty. Once they retire, they get a one-shot chance to continue coverage by paying premiums.

Decisions to decline coverage are irrevocable. Until the new law, a decision to enroll also was irrevocable, although par-

ticipants could change coverage in strictly limited instances, such as a change in marital status. The rules for change still apply.

The U.S. government backs the Survivor Benefit Plan. Benefits pace inflation through regular cost of living adjustments, and surviving spouses can never outlive their benefits. The program also is tax-advantaged because premiums are deducted from income before taxes are computed.

Despite SBP's benefits, however, many felt the program was too inflexible, said Tom Tower, DoD's assistant director for retired pay and survivor benefits. Retirees can now try out the program and drop it after two years if they decide it isn't for them, he explained.

"When people retire, there's a lot of decision-making going on," Tower said. "[This law] allows retirees to give [SBP] full consideration at a more leisurely time. We feel it's a pretty useful program, but we recognize it may not meet some people's retirement needs."

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Link receives his third star Thursday

WASHINGTON— Maj. Gen. James Link will receive his third star in a ceremony Thursday at headquarters Army Materiel Command.

Link, former commander of the Missile Command and Redstone Arsenal, assumed duties as AMC's deputy commanding general Aug. 3. He was confirmed for promotion to lieutenant general by the Senate July 30.

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To quit under the new law, eligible participants must send a DD Form 2656-2 to the Defense Finance and Accounting Service's Cleveland Center. SBP participation ends the first day of the month following the month the center receives the request. The member will be notified when coverage ends.

Once coverage ends, survivors receive no benefits stemming from retirees' past participation. Premiums deducted for coverage on or after the effective quit date will be refunded. Premiums for prior coverage are non-refundable.

The law provides retirees who submit forms to quit a 30-day cooling-off period to change their minds. The 30-day clock starts the day the finance service center receives a retiree's request to quit. Retirees who quit cannot later resume SBP participation.

The services will publish notices in their retiree newsletters, and the finance service will attach a notice to December 1998 retiree account statements. For more information, contact a military retirement

services office or visit the SBP web sites at www.afpc.af.mil/sbp/hrdfacts.stm or <http://www.dfas.mil/money/retired/survbnft.htm>. (American Forces Press Service)

From Fort Bliss...

New commanding general assigned at SMD Command

Maj. Gen. John Costello has been nominated for appointment to lieutenant general and assignment as commander of Space and Missile Defense Command.

Costello, commander of the Air Defense Artillery Center and Fort Bliss, Texas since August 1995, will succeed Lt. Gen. Edward Anderson who has been nominated for director of strategic plans and policy at the Pentagon. Anderson has been the SMDC commanding general since October 1996.

A native of Pottsville, Pa., Costello graduated from the Citadel in 1969 with a bachelor's degree in political sci-

ence. In addition, he received a master's degree in foreign affairs from the University of Virginia, a master of military arts and science degree from the Command and General Staff College and is a graduate of the Program for Senior Executives in National and International Security, JFK School of Government, Harvard University.

He and his wife, Michele, have two children, Patrick and Adrienne.

Col. Steven Flohr on Thursday assumed interim command of SMDC from Anderson pending Senate confirmation of the president's nomination of Costello.



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Two-year stint became 30-year career for colonel

ROTC brigade commander retires from 'most rewarding job'

By Skip Vaughn

The Kentucky native received his degree in agriculture and had a good job in his field. He was a distinguished military graduate but didn't want to stay longer than two years in the Army.

That was 1968. Now Col. Robert Barefield, from Paducah, Ky., is about to retire with 30 years of Army service.

"The integrity, the character of the people that you work with, is what's kept me in the Army," Barefield, commander of the 5th Brigade, 2nd Region (ROTC), said. He will relinquish command of the brigade, based at Redstone, in a ceremony Friday. The incoming commander is Col. John Cray, who arrived from Hawaii where

he served as inspector general for the Army Pacific.

The 5th Brigade is responsible for Army ROTC programs in Alabama, Mississippi, Louisiana and western Florida. These include 21 universities and 42 cross-enrolled universities. The junior program is offered at 171 high schools— becoming 169 through mergers — and 20 cross-enrolled high schools.

The brigade headquarters includes 12 officers and NCOs, and two civilians. It is part of the 2nd Region, based at Fort Knox, Ky., and the overall Cadet Command at Fort Monroe, Va.

"We are different from most commands because what we do is we market, recruit, train, retain, assess and commission second

lieutenants," Barefield said. "And that's different from any other job. The Recruiting Command recruits soldiers; the training centers train. So we run the gamut for what we do."

Barefield, 51, was commissioned as an Infantry officer in 1968 upon receiving his degree from Murray State University. He served as a rifle platoon leader in Vietnam from 1969-70. "ROTC provides a little over 70 percent of all the officers on active duty," Barefield said.

He assumed command of the brigade four years ago. "It is probably the most rewarding job because we're having an impact on the future of the Army, future officers in the Army. And of course the other side of the coin: It's also frustrating because of



Photo by Skip Vaughn

CHANGE OF LEADERSHIP— Cray, left, will succeed Barefield as commander of the 5th Brigade, 2nd Region (ROTC).

lack of resources," he said.

Barefield plans to stay in the local area. He and his wife, Nancy, have three children. Their daughter, Christy, 21, will be a senior at the University of North

Alabama. Robert, 20, is a karate instructor at the Huntsville Martial Arts Academy. Mike, 24, is a first lieutenant at Fort Drum, N.Y.

"I'm proud and thankful

that I've had the opportunity to serve my country," Barefield said. "And I think being in the Army is one of the most honorable professions that you can have."

Future delivery system... SMDC's Battle Lab provides global interoperability

During the recent ninth annual Joint Warrior Interoperability Demonstration, or JWID '98, the Space and Missile Defense Command's Battle Lab in Huntsville successfully projected ground maneuvers from its Spatial Weapons System Analysis, or SWSA, Center all around the globe.

The Lab computer-simulated a synthetic battlefield to train joint troops in Australia, New Zealand, Canada, the United Kingdom, SHAPE Headquarters in Belgium, Fort Gordon, Ga., the Joint Battle Center, and the Navy's Modeling, Operational and Simulation Center.

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International program... Test firings confirm Norwegian air defense solution

The "Norwegian Air Defense Solution" was proven in an operational test Aug. 5 at the Army's Short Range Air Defense Range near Orogrande, N.M.

The test included live

firings of the Norwegian Advanced Surface to Air Missile System, the RB 70 manportable, shoulder-fired short range surface to air missile, and the L 70 anti-aircraft artillery gun against MQ-107 drone tar-

gets. Three of the four NASAMS shots were direct hits. Data analysis is still being conducted on the fourth NASAMS shot to determine it achieved a warhead kill.

test, Maj. Gen. Ivar Gjetnes, commander of the Norwegian Air Materiel Command, expressed his satisfaction with the outcome of the test.

At the conclusion of the See FIRINGS on page 12

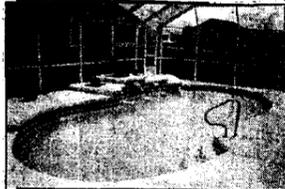
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Bus trip to Atlanta hits home run with baseball fans

Civilian Welfare Fund Council planning other trips this fall

By Margaret Banish-Donaldson

Planning a weekend trip? Wouldn't it be great if you could avoid the hassles of deciphering maps and fighting traffic and let a chauffeur drive you to interesting destinations?

This concept was a creation of the tour organizers of the Civilian Welfare Fund Council. Thirty-seven men and women discovered the answer to stress-free, economical travel by hopping a bus from Redstone Arsenal to Atlanta the first weekend in August.

"Sounds like fun, doesn't it? We wanted to see a baseball game close by and this was the only one available," said Jim Lee, a logistics management specialist in the Virtual Single IMMC Project Office. "There were howls and laughter on the bus plus plenty of food and drinks provided by the CWFC through Robin Hoods Sandwich Shop in the PX Mall."

Before the end of the game, there were three "V-r-r-r-rooms," one "R-r-r-roar," several pyrotechnic bits of punctuation, a reference to rubber-duddy bumpers, a sprinkling of italicized words and assorted "Wowies." However, for the 11th time this season, the St. Louis Cardinals lost a game they led after seven innings.

Also featured on the travel plan was a tour of the CNN building and a visit to the Underground. Located at the historic birthplace of the city and the site of the former Underground Atlanta, the revitalized Underground includes more than 200,000 square feet of space and covers all or part of six city blocks.

Much to the surprise of people who remember the old Underground, the majority of the new Underground is above ground. A 138-foot light tower serves as the Underground's landmark.

"The Underground is an easy place to visit," Lee said. "Clustered around Kenny's Alley, 12 restaurants and nightclubs offered us plenty of food and entertainment."

"It was a great trip," said Marylee Svezia, a contract specialist for PEO Aviation procurement directorate, co-located in the aircrew integrated systems program manager's office. "This was my first CWFC bus trip, and I won a free trip for two."

"Anyone taking a CWFC bus trip is eligible to win a trip for two on an upcoming bus trip," said Mary Ann Meyer-Schuck, CWFC's vice-president/recorder, and a logistics management specialist in the common area of the Missile RDEC.

Across town, Hector and Gladys Ramirez are still excited about the trip to Atlanta. The Ramirez's had fun at the



Photo by Jerry Bowen

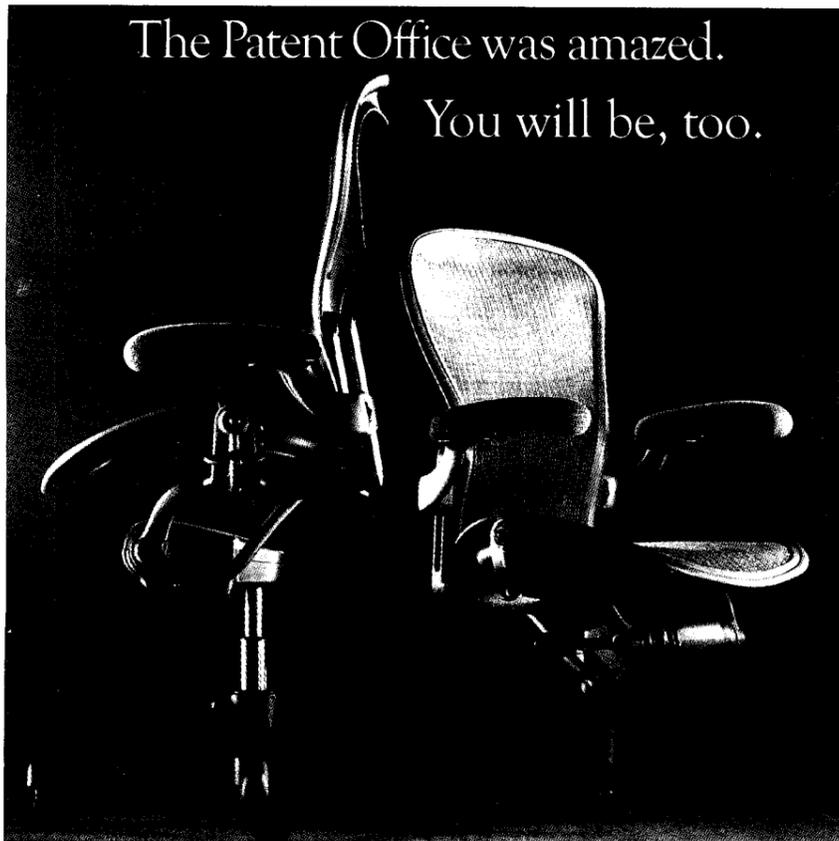
TOUR GROUP— Participants in the CWFC trip to Atlanta gather by their bus.

baseball game and said they really enjoyed seeing the studios at CNN.

According to Meyer-Schuck, the CWFC is planning to offer six affordable group bus trips a year. The primary advantages of bus tours, says Meyer-Schuck, are comfort, safety, instant knowledge of your destination, and, surprisingly, white-glove treatment.

Individuals wanting reservations for upcoming CWFC trips scheduled to Biloxi, Miss., in October and Helen, Ga., in November are encouraged to call Meyer-Schuck at 313-1698 soon.

Ramirez summed it up by saying, "A perfect trip. As emotionally satisfying as a grand slam in the bottom of the ninth. The end. A safe drive home."



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ACS open house...

Cutting the cake during Army Community Service's open house July 31 are, from left, Kenna Sage, Huntsville Mayor Loretta Spencer, Mary Gibson, Maj. Gen. Emmitt Gibson; and Sue Paddock, ACS chief. Sage is the granddaughter of Col. Clifton Broderick.



Photo Lab picture

Orientation flight...

Paul Hoyer, standing second from left, the assistant secretary of the Army for research, development and acquisition, was given an orientation flight July 28 in this AH-64A Apache, provided by the Aviation Technical Test Center at Fort Rucker. From left are experimental test pilots Al Chapman and CWO 4 Steve Paris (in aircraft; Hoyer; Maj. Gen. Jim Snider, program executive officer for aviation; and Helen Lardner, special assistant to Hoyer.

SKIP'S CLIPS



Non-sports fan

MISSILE

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"All of the systems are reported monthly, some add reports weekly, and then some are reported on daily, like the Patriot," said Lutz, adding that it is the premiere Army air defense system. "The information from the daily reports flow to the chief of staff of the Army. The Patriot is the highest visibility system that we manage."

"Most all combat units of the U.S. Army have some sort of missile system," Lutz said. "And within those units, they run checks every time it is serviced, fired or used for training."

Those checks, along with regular testing reports are archived and sent to the central data base. The AMCOM analysis and sustainment team uses the data to manage the program, target problem areas and find solutions.

With a 97 percent readiness rate for May

16-June 15, very few problems with any of the systems were detected. This is a difficult goal considering that many of the systems are complex, with hundreds or thousands of individual parts.

When a problem is detected, members of the analysis and sustainment

team work with the logistic assistance representatives in the field who provide technical support to the systems. Together they correct the problems to sustain the readiness levels.

"I'll be retiring soon," Burleson said. "It was exciting to see this milestone reached during my career."



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The ad was placed by Columbia State University, who uses a Metairie, La., address. According to the company's literature, for a fee starting at about \$1,995, you can receive a bachelor's degree, and for the student that is in a hurry, a triple combination of BA, MA and doctorate degrees is offered for about \$4,300. The company indicates that it offers a money back guarantee to any student who does not "finish and pass" their chosen program in 27 days.

When the consumer called the company, Columbia State University sent out its materials including the registration forms. Upon investigating the materials, the BBB spotted several "red flags" that made the offer even more unbelievable. The materials indi-

cate that the "school" will give you academic credits for prior work experience as well as your life experience and projects you may have done. For example, you could receive credit for experience in homemaking (child psychology and education), discussions with experts (a talk with a repair man), volunteer work or reading, viewing, listening (watching a series on public television) and a variety of activities, including golf, performing magic or eating at exotic restaurants.

Your BBB learned more about this "University" after contacting the office of the Attorney General in Louisiana. For example, the Louisiana AG's office found that this school does not have a physical location in Louisiana, but provides a series of different

you to believe it is part of the school's campus, however the building in the picture is actually the Chapel at Notre Dame University.

Although the school claims to be accredited by the American Council on Post-Secondary Accreditation, that organization has been defunct since 1993. According to the State Department of Post Secondary Education and the Alabama Commission on Higher Education, Columbia State University is not licensed in the state of Alabama. This "school" should not be confused with Columbia College, headquartered in Columbia, Mo., with a campus located on Redstone Arsenal. The BBB has determined that there is no relationship between Columbia State University and Columbia College, which is an accredited school.

Before enrolling into any home study courses, consumers may wish to contact the State Department of Post Secondary Educa-

tion at (334) 242-2900 and the Commission on Higher Education at (334) 242-1998 to receive information on the prospective school, college or university. Also, call your Better Business Bureau at 533-1640 or 800-239-1642. (BBB release)

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addresses which are generally mail drops only. Mail addressed to the company is forwarded to New Orleans, and then on to California, where the company's owner lives. The company's catalog displays a picture of a beautiful building which would lend



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Product managers...

Lt. Col. Sharon Holmes, left, and Lt. Col. Oscar Valent, right, have joined the TMDE Program Office as product managers. Col. Albert Hamilton, the TMDE program manager, participates in their charter presentation ceremony

July 23. Holmes is product manager for test equipment modernization/calibration sets equipment program. Valent is product manager for automatic test support systems.

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MSIC engineer doubles as Mayberry's bumbling barber

By Sandy Riebeling

It doesn't take much for Allan Newsome to transform from Missile and Space Intelligence Center engineer to television character Floyd Lawson, Mayberry's favorite barber from the Andy Griffith Show.

Playing Floyd the barber seemed to come naturally to Newsome, who was discovered by David Browning, professional Barney Fife impersonator. Browning was in character at Mule Days, a street celebration in Gordo, Ala., when he and Newsome started talking.

"We were joking around and I started talking like Floyd," Newsome said. "David really liked it. He said I should play Floyd at the Squad Car Rendezvous in Ohio that July."

So Newsome went to the rendezvous which took place at a service station identical to Wally's service station on the program.

"I went in a T-shirt and just walked around talking to people acting like Floyd," he said.

It didn't take much and Newsome was hooked.

"I didn't really need that much of a costume," said Newsome, who already resembles the character played by Howard McNear in the hit television series.

"I had to get a barber's coat and tools, but I used one of my dad's old ties and sad to

say, the rest came from my own wardrobe."

To complete the look, Newsome dons a pair of sunglasses without the lenses and brushes a touch of gray at the temples of his dark brown hair, adding "character" to his 32 years.

Getting the outfit was easy. Newsome also used a video camera to tape himself as Floyd, to see what he was doing right and what needed work.

"I already knew a lot of the lines from watching the TV show," said Newsome, adding that it wasn't until college that he watched the show regularly. "I guess I got hooked on the show while I was at Auburn. I would study all evening then take a break at 10:05 to watch Andy Griffith."

After four years of impersonating, Newsome works eight to 10 Mayberry related events each year in places all over the country. The biggest and his favorite is the annual street festival "Mayberry Days" in Mt. Airy, N.C., Andy Griffith's hometown.

He meets up with other cast impersonators, working the crowds and participating in some of the shows during the event. "My favorite part of all of this is meeting and talking with the fans of the show," Newsome said. "They are some of the best people you

will ever meet."

During these events, Newsome, dressed as Floyd walks through the crowds, acting and reacting to the people as only Floyd could.

"I don't start talking to people first," he said. "I wait until someone comes to me. A lot of times, they will say a line from the show, right before one of Floyd's lines. I'm pretty good about following. Sometimes when I don't know the line, I just go right along with them and say what I think Floyd would say."

Keeping it clean and fun is a priority for all the Mayberry impersonators. "These are family events and us three guys, me, David and the guy that plays Ernest T. are all Christians, so that's not hard to do."

Invariably, the question always arises, where's Andy? One of Newsome's favorite responses is that, "he became a big-time lawyer, moved to Atlanta and changed his name to Matlock."

As a result of his character, Newsome has met many of the show's stars, including Betty Lynn (Thelma Lou), George Lindsey (Goober), Bernard Fox (Malcolm Merriwether), The Dillards (The Darlings), Howard Morris (Ernest T. Bass), Clint



Photo by Jan Newsome

CUTTING UP— Newsome, dressed as Floyd the barber, mugs with Don Knotts before a performance in Birmingham. Newsome was emcee for the show, "An evening with Don Knotts" at the civic center.

Howard (Leon with the peanut butter and jelly sandwiches), Jean Carson (One of the Fun Girls), and Don Knotts, who he has worked with several times. Newsome even keeps in touch with Knotts' girlfriend via e-mail.

Newsome also works the Huntsville Stars' Mayberry night each year.

He's looking forward to meeting (hopefully) Jim Neighbors at a concert in Pigeon Forge, Tenn., Sept. 5.

Newsome belongs to the local "The Andy Griffith Show" Rerun Watcher Club

chapter, Mother Figure, one of more than 1,100 nationwide. He also manages the entire Club's web site and runs an Internet chapter, Who's Been Messin' Up the Bulletin Board?

He spends nearly two hours a day with his Mayberry activities. And what does his wife, Jan, think?

"My wife has encouraged me from the start," he said. "She's been real supportive. Of course, if she wasn't I wouldn't do it."

Newsome also has a 1 1/2 year old son, Adam, who occasionally gets in the

act. "We dressed him up like Leon one time. He was the little boy dressed in the cowboy outfit always offering Barney a peanut butter and jelly sandwich."

Anyone interested in seeing Newsome as Floyd the barber can catch him at the next Mayberry Days in Mt. Airy the last weekend in September. For more information about all the Mayberry activities, check Newsome's website at <http://www.mayberry.com/tagsrwc> or contact him via the Internet at anewsome@aol.com.

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"JWID '98 was a U.S./Coalition operation to demonstrate new technologies that can support modern combined operations for the warfighter," said Norven Goddard, chief, Combat Applications, Space and Missile Defense Battle Lab. "In this joint modeling and simulation venture between the Army, Navy, Air Force, and Marines, we greatly enhanced the goals of the Joint Staff Command, by improving communications, control, computers and intelligence for the warrior concept."

SWSA had prime responsibility of all ground and also backup airspace modeling and simulation. The center modeled scenarios for ground engagements during buildup and combat operations using its Common Operational Modeling and Simulation Strategy, or COMPASS, a "middleware" tool that provides interoperability among formerly incompatible systems.

"COMPASS software

allows mission planners to link to a spectrum of modeling and simulation systems for a significant 'reach-back' capability," said Linda Hagerdon, project manager, Global Projection, Battle Lab. "Ultimate implementation of this concept will use the same virtual battlefield to plan, replan, execute, monitor plans, simulate, or train the warfighter."

JWID '98 not only benefits soldiers now, but if the technological advances are fielded, it could also help troops two to three years from now. It stresses the ideas of network-centric warfare and real-time information exchange to improve overall battlefield awareness. Larry Burger, director of the Battle Lab, said, "This demonstration brings government and private industry together to prove how advanced modeling and simulation technologies will shape the battlefield of the future, where information will be the weapon, and the network will be the weapon delivery system."

FIRINGS

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"I am happy to announce we have successfully passed the test and final verification milestone," he said.

The NASAMS is a ground-launched version of the U.S. Advanced Medium Range Air-to-Air Missile. The AMRAAM was developed by the U.S. Air Force and is currently employed on both U.S. and NATO nations fighter aircraft, in an air-to-air role. The Royal Norwegian Air Force developed the ground-launched concept for the missile. This test was the final phase of testing for the system, which was declared operational Aug. 5.

The systems have already been produced and are in the hands of the Norwegian Air Force tactical units. With the declaration of operational status, the NASAMS system is considered tactically deployed.

The Norwegians were the first to develop the ground-launched AMRAAM concept and now other countries, includ-

ing the United States, are showing interest in the concept for short range air defense.

After a review of the Norwegian ground-launched AMRAAM concept, the U.S. decided to experiment with a similar ground-launched AMRAAM solution. In 1995 one variant was tested in Alaska using a modified Hawk launcher. The U.S. Army subsequently developed a second ground-launched AMRAAM variant using aircraft launch rails mounted on a High Mobility Multipurpose Wheeled Vehicle. The system has been dubbed "HUMRAAM." The U.S. Marines have developed a requirement for the HUMRAAM and the Army is preparing to submit an operational requirement for the same system.

Lt. Col. John Deacon, director of international programs for AMCOM's Deputy for Systems Acquisition, pointed out the cooperative nature of the program.

"The test was extremely successful and showed an

amazing degree of cooperation between the U.S. government, the Norwegian government, as well as both U.S. and Norwegian industry. This cooperation is

expected to accelerate as the U.S. as well as other nations employ variants of the ground-launched AMRAAM system," he said.



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Project manager...

Col. Howard Bramblett has become project manager for Apache Attack Helicopter. A native of Dayton, Ohio, he joined the Army in 1970 from his home in Dunnellon, Fla. He and his wife, Ramona, have three children.

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Salmon says: Change time for calibrating equipment

Civilian worker wins award for money-saving suggestion at TMDE

By Margaret Banish-Donaldson

A TMDE worker was \$10,000 (\$6,025 after taxes) richer July 16 after his suggestion was approved to extend the time between calibrating certain pieces of test equipment.

Douglas Salmon, a quality assurance specialist at Test Measurement and Diagnostic Equipment Activity, came up with the idea one day in 1994 after working 10 years as a bench technician.

"As a bench technician working on calibrating test equipment for the U.S. Army, I noticed our intervals of calibrating equipment were not the same as those for the Marshall Space Flight Center and the Air Force," Salmon said. "I decided to do some studies of my own. After three months of research, I submitted my suggestion."

Previously, the TMDE standard minimum was 120 days. Salmon's pro-

posal was to have calibration intervals equivalent to manufacturer's guidelines of a 180-day minimum. He believed extending calibration intervals would save millions of dollars in man-hours spent on TDY, recertification costs, and vehicle maintenance to travel to the calibration sites.

Salmon submitted his idea to the Army Ideas for Excellence Program coordinator, July 12, 1994. Finally, after all the evaluations and audits were done, it was accepted for implementation in October 1997.

"Suggestion programs are simple; if a person sees a better way of doing something then that better way is worthy of consideration," Lori Garner, AIEP suggestion coordinator, said. "Suggestion boxes first appeared in the 1300s, in Venice, Italy. Today, we

are on line on the web site at www.redstone.army.mil/aiep/suggform.html."

The suggestion program offers employees a way to submit whatever ideas they dream up. The reason is workers are in the best place to see where something can be improved.

"A side benefit is you get employees to think like managers," Garner added. "It's a grooming device for future supervisors and managers."

Salmon's concept went beyond his normal duties then as an equipment specialist, whose principal duties were to maintain liaison with TMDE support activities and monitor field support for new equipment requirements.

According to Garner, Salmon's recommendation has an estimated savings audited at \$2.1 million the first year in Operations

and Maintenance, Army funds.

In the meantime Maj. Gen. Emmitt Gibson, AMCOM commander, has nominated Salmon for the Department of the Army 1998 Civilian Suggester of the Year. There were no military candidates selected from AMCOM for this year's submission. The Secretary of the Army's final determination will be made in October.

"Just to be considered for an award like this is a real honor," Salmon said. "I have never seen myself on a level with these nominees from other AMC installations. I'm just a hard worker who has had some success."

"In 1995, the AMCOM civilian suggester of the year won for the command at the Department of the Army for the first time," Garner said. "And, in

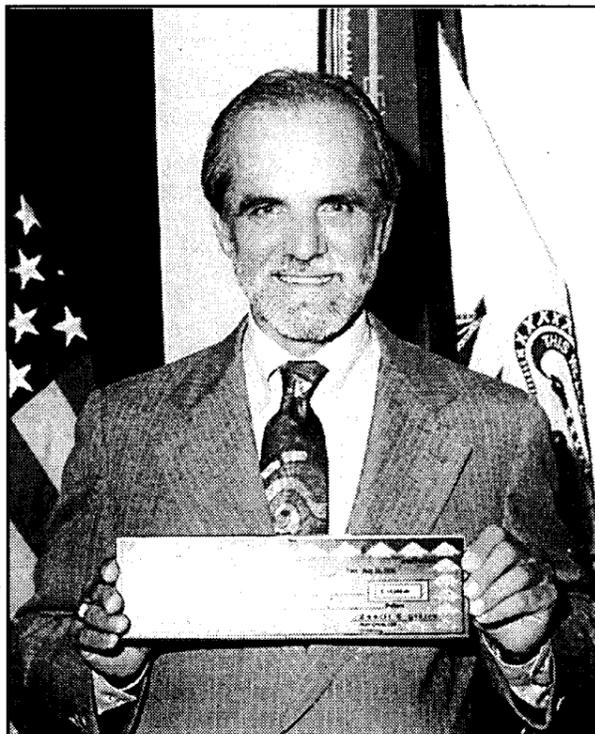


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MONEY WINNER— Salmon proudly displays the \$10,000 check he waited four years to receive. His suggestion award was presented for extending calibration intervals from 120 to 180 days on hundreds of pieces of customer equipment within the three regions of TMDE.

1997, the military suggester from here was the first to win for the command and Army Materiel Command at DA."

Louis Caldera, secretary of the Army, will present the 1998 honorary awards at an annual ceremony in November.

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Three-peat feat...

Missile RDEC wins again for quality research project

By Skip Vaughn

The Army should consider permanently retiring one of its annual research awards to building 5400.

Missile RDEC has, after all, won in three of the five years since the Army began giving Quality Awards for Small Business Innovation Research. The Missile Research Development and Engineering Center won the 1998 award presented July 13 in Washington, D.C.

The awards program started in 1994; and the research center won in 1995, 1997 and this year. Only five SBIR Phase II Quality Awards are presented each year.

"Since the Army only gives five of these a year, I'm real tickled that the Missile RDEC was picked to receive one of these awards," Buddy Thomas, SBIR program coordinator in the center's Technology Integration Office, said.

The center's winning project was associated with smart sensor suite. For the future battlefield, new sensor fusion algorithms are needed which can adapt in real-time to battlefield situations— such as smoke, dust and jamming — when one or more sensors malfunction. Physical Optics Corporation has integrated fuzzy logic and neural networks in a way that dynam-



Photo by Skip Vaughn

HONOREES— From left Roberts, McCorkle and Thomas discuss the quality awards for small business innovation research.

ically change network structures to weed out the effects of battlefield sensors which are malfunctioning due to external factors. The same technology also shows commercial promise for use in virtual reality-based systems to assist stock traders.

"There are a number of places where we can use it currently," B.H. "Ace" Roberts, SBIR Phase II technical monitor in the Software Engineering Directorate, said of this technology. "When we've gone out to the current seminars, we found that this methodology is being accepted more and more."

Honorees for the quality award included Thomas, Roberts, Dr. William

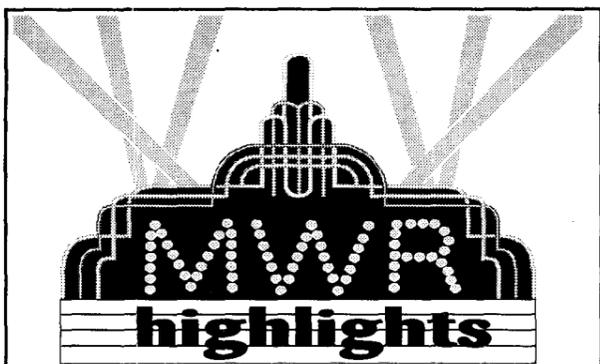
McCorkle, Dr. Tomasz Jansson and T. Albert DeBacker. McCorkle is director of the Missile RDEC. Jansson and DeBacker work for Physical Optics Corporation, the project contractor.

Congress started the Small Business Innovation Research program in 1982 to increase small business innovation in federal research and development. Successful Army SBIR research efforts move through three phases:

- Phase I, feasibility study, which lasts up to six months with funding up to \$70,000 with a \$50,000 option available;
- Phase II, research and development, lasts up to two years with funding up

to \$730,000; • Phase III, commercialization, funding from private sector or non-SBIR government sources; there is no SBIR funding for this phase.

The Army SBIR program sponsors annual Quality Awards which recognize top quality Army SBIR Phase II projects for their technical achievement, contribution to the Army, and dual-use commercialization potential.



Upcoming events for Morale, Welfare and Recreation include the following:

- **Turkey shoot**— An Outdoor Recreation Turkey Shoot is scheduled for Aug. 22 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.
- **Youth gymnastics**— Register now for Fall Gymnastics Classes offered through the Youth Services Center. Classes will be offered on Tuesday and Thursday evenings. The cost is \$25 per month for four classes or \$45 per month for eight classes. Instructors are professionally certified. Reservations are on a first come, first serve basis for all new students. For more information, call 876-2255/5437.
- **Arts & Crafts classes**— the Arts & Crafts Center is open Tuesdays and Wednesdays 1:30-9:30 p.m., Thursdays 5-9:30 p.m., Fridays and Saturdays 9 a.m.-5 p.m., and closed on Sundays and Mondays. The center is located at 3615 Gray Road. For more information, call 876-7951.
- **Bowling lessons**— The RSA Rocket Lanes Bowling Center is teaching bowling lessons for \$1 per game. The lessons will be held on Thursdays and Fridays for six weeks at 4:30 p.m. in building 3707. For more information, call 876-6634.
- **Golf Course hours**— The RSA Golf Course hours of operation include: Monday through Friday, Pro Shop 7 a.m. to 7 p.m., first tee time at 7:30 a.m., snack bar 7 a.m. to dark, no breakfast is served. Saturday, Sunday and holidays, pro shop 6:30 a.m. to 7 p.m., first tee time at 7 a.m., snack bar 6 a.m. to dark, full breakfast served.

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Sports & Recreation

Triathlon

The fifth annual Rocketman Triathlon, benefiting the U.S. Marine Corps' Toys for Tots program, will be held at the Col. Hudson Recreation Area at 7:30 a.m. Aug 30. The distances will be a half mile swim, 13.2 mile bike, 3.2 mile run. Competition will be held for individuals, teams, and military. Volunteers are needed. Entry forms are now available at local running stores, bicycle stores, pools, and the military and civilian gyms on Redstone Arsenal. For more information, call Bob Mulkey 883-7399 in the evenings or e-mail at UTCMOCS@webtv.net.

Recreation volunteers

Outdoor Recreation is accepting applications for volunteers through Saturday. Those eligible persons interested in applying should submit a written request to Bill Moreland, chief of Outdoor Recreation, stating their name, address, work and home telephone numbers, military unit or place of employment, status— i.e. active duty, retired



Photo from the family

New assignment...

CSM Jennifer Denise McNeill speaks during a ceremony in which she became troop command sergeant major for Dwight D. Eisenhower Medical Center at Fort Gordon, Ga. Her mother, Dorothy Merriweather, and brother, SFC Donald Jones, reside in the Huntsville area.

military, civilian employee or contractor — and a brief statement of reasons for wanting to be a volunteer and past experience which may complement volunteer efforts. For more information, call Potter or Gail 876-4868/6854.

Ice hockey

The Huntsville Amateur Hockey Association Fall Registration for ages 4 and up is scheduled at the Ice Complex, 3185 Leeman Ferry Road for 1-6 p.m. Aug. 23, 6-9 p.m. Aug. 27, and 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Aug. 29. For all newcomers to the hockey program, equipment rental is available. Fees depend on which age group/level your child will play in. For more information, call Susan Porter 772-4460.

Adult soccer

The Strikers is a recreational level soccer team composed primarily of Redstone Arsenal engineers. It was established two years ago to participate in the Huntsville Adult Soccer League. The team is looking for more players for the upcoming fall season. If you have any level of soccer experience and are interested in playing call Eric Hunt 876-9566, Conrad Daneri 876-2378 or Mario Sandoval 876-3589.

Bowling league

The Redstone Officers Bowling League will hold a meeting for league officers and team captains at 5 this afternoon at the JOC club. New teams will be accepted. To join you must be a member of ABC or join ABC when the league starts. For more information, call Jim White 882-1293 after 5:30 p.m.

Adult street hockey

An organizational meeting for adult street hockey will be held 8 p.m. Aug. 17 at Thrifty Car Rental, 9300 Highway 20, Madison. Season begins in October. For more information, call Al Bryan 772-9653.

Holiday hours

Fox Army Health Center will be on holiday hours Friday for its annual Organizational Day. Same day urgent appointments will be available through the Triage Nurse. All other clinics will close at 11 a.m. Triage/advice nurses are available 24 hours a day at 955-8888 or 1-800-223-9531 to schedule urgent appointments.

Health Matters

Physical exams

Fox Army Health Center will offer courtesy physical examinations to all military retirees and their beneficiaries, to include those over age 65, on Sept. 11. Included will be CBC, Urinalysis, Lipid Profile, Electrolytes, EKG, a PSA for men, a chest X-ray for smokers, and an examination by a clinician. No medications, refills, or treatment of illness will be performed. Any problems identified will be referred to the participant's primary physician. Limited appointments are available; first come, first served. Call 876-4935 to schedule an appointment.

Alcoholics anonymous

A new group for 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.... The Redstone Arsenal Group of Alcoholics Anonymous meets each Wednesday at noon and Friday at 5:15 p.m. in room 11 of the Bicentennial Chapel.

Blood program

Here's the Red Cross blood program schedule for August: Aug. 13, from 7 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at building 5309, first

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floor, room 9128, Sandra Bone 876-1061 or Chris Miller 876-3782. Aug. 14, from 7 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at building 4488, Mallory Murray 876-9118 or Fran King 842-7533. Aug. 21, from 8 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at building 4752 (NASA), Edwina Bressette 544-8115. Aug. 24, from 4-8 a.m. at building 3411, 832nd Ordnance Battalion, Capt. Richardson 842-0606. Aug. 28, from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. at SMDC, room 1C400 (Wynn Drive), Al Longhi 955-5901; and from 7-noon at Corps of Engineers, Donna Smiley 895-1760.

Special campaign

In observance of Hispanic Heritage Month, the Hispanic Employment Program Committees for the Aviation and Missile Command and the Marshall Space Flight Center have joined forces to celebrate this year's event. To kick off the event, they have planned and scheduled a blood drive campaign beginning Sept. 10 and ending Sept. 18. The following schedule has been confirmed with the American Red Cross, Sparkman Management Office, and NASA: Sept. 10— Sparkman Center building 5309, room 9128, from 7:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., Vivian Paschel 876-6511. Sept. 10-18— The American Red Cross, 1101 Washington St., from 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday, and from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Friday; phone 536-0084. Sept. 18— MSFC, building 4752, All Purpose Room, from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m., Edwina Bressette 544-8115. All employees are encouraged to donate blood.

Miscellaneous

Commissary day

The Commissary will be closed Aug. 19 for the annual Employee's Organizational Day. This event affords the opportunity for commissary employees to receive needed training and to socialize and enjoy a day of fun-filled events that serve to build morale and team spirit.

Internet workshop

Association for Electronic Business will hold a workshop on "Web Based Technology (How the Internet Impacts Your Business)" from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Aug. 20 at Intergraph Corp., building 12, Highway 20, Madison. Sessions include distance learning, CM/DM, Virtual Reality; Web Based Development- CIC presenting Government Trak; and Commercial Electronic Business. Cost is \$35. To register call Charissa Watson of LME Corp. 885-0023.

Resource managers

The American Society of Military Comptrollers luncheon will be Thursday at 11:30 a.m. at Trinity United Methodist Church on Airport Road. Scheduled speaker is LeRoy Daniels, civilian personnel officer. Cost is \$8 for members and \$9 for non-members. For reservations, call Janet Sierra 955-3890.

Worship service

The Protestant Worship Service conducted by the ministry team at OMMCS is held Sundays at 11 a.m. at the auditorium in Toftoy Hall, building 3495. Everyone is invited.

Military personnel

Personnel from DA, PERSCOM EPMD will visit Redstone Arsenal Aug. 12-13. Soldiers in CMF 35/55 are encouraged to attend one of the following briefings: 9 a.m. Aug. 12, 1 p.m. Aug. 12, and one-on-one appointments Aug. 13. To schedule call SFC Augustus 842-6870.

Community fellowship

Everyone is invited to join members of Saint Bartley P.B. Church in Huntsville in a trip to St. Louis Sept. 12-13. They will attend the worship service at 11 a.m. Sept. 13 at Calvary Baptist Church, 2822 Martin Luther King Blvd., St. Louis. For more information, call Harrison Wells 842-8543 or 859-3361.

Transition workshop

The Military Personnel Office is sponsoring a three-day Transition Assistance Workshop, Aug. 18-20 at building 3447 (behind Toftoy Hall). The workshop is mandatory for all military personnel leaving the service within the next 180 days unless they have attended a previous workshop. These workshops are available to all branches of service including National Guard and Reserves. DoD civilians, military retirees, veterans and spouses of all are also encouraged to attend. Seating is limited, so you must register to attend. To

register, call Marie Adams 842-6145.

Aviation symposium

The third annual AAAA/AUSA Army Aviation Simulation Symposium will be held Sept. 16-18 at Crystal Gateway Marriott, Arlington, Va. For information, call Bill Harris (203) 226-8184.

Young Marines

Young Marines is a program for ages 8-17, boys and girls. It's a drug demand reduction program to promote a drug-free lifestyle and to develop physical, mental and moral characteristics in youth. Parent orientation day is Aug. 20; and boot camp is Aug. 27. For more information, call Sgt. David Garay 876-8964 (work) or 430-0026 (home).

Korea veterans

A reunion for Korean War veterans will be held Oct. 21-25 at Virginia Beach, Va. For information, call 1-800-523-4715.

Philippine-Americans

The Philippine-American Association of Alabama will hold its annual Inaugural Ball, Sept. 12 from 6 p.m. to 1 a.m. at the North Hall of the Von Braun Center to benefit the National Children's Advocacy Center and the American Heart Association. Scheduled speaker is U.S. Rep. Bud Cramer. The evening will also include dinner, cocktails, Philippine dance performances, dance music by Denim and door prizes. Individual tickets are \$30 in advance and \$35 at the door. Tables may be sponsored. For more information, call Tess Neumann 313-1258.

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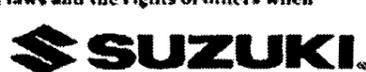
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The Grambling State University Alumni Association-Huntsville-Madison Chapter will hold a Scholarship Dance after the GSU vs. Alabama A&M game, Sept. 12. The dance will be held at the Fraternal Order of Police at 3220 Lodge Road (off Jordan Lane). The dance is from 9 p.m. until 1 a.m. All tickets are \$10 in advance (no tickets will be sold at the door). A GSU booth will be set up at A&M before the game for ticket purchase. For group or individual tickets, call Donald Lawrence 722-8955 or Claude Meclendon 881-7291. This is a BYOB affair.

Education workshop

On Thursday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., the North Alabama Center for Educational Excellence will hold a workshop for adults age 24 and up. This free workshop is for students enrolled in or planning to enroll in school. Participants will learn how to study, take tests, manage their time, and reduce stress. It will be held at NACEE 1515 Sparkman Drive. To register, call 722-9632.

Newcomers coffee

The Officer and Civilian Women's Club will hold a Newcomers Coffee at 10 a.m.

Aug. 20 at the home of Mary Gibson on 1 Wadsworth Drive, Redstone Arsenal. All eligible members who are new to the area are invited to attend. For more information, call Diane Bonnell 837-9606.

Retired officers' wives

All retired officers' wives new to the area and wives of newly retired officers are invited to join the Retired Officers' Wives Group. For more information, call Peggy Patch 772-8268.

Industry job fair

Representatives from the Civilian Personnel Advisory Center met with a representative from the Huntsville Chamber of Commerce to discuss possible employment opportunities for employees who are interested in seeking employment with private industry upon their departure from federal service. Several local companies have positions in a variety of skills for which they are seeking interested and qualified candidates. The Chamber of Commerce has recently developed a web site that prospective applicants can use to locate vacancies. The web address is www.huntsvillejobs.com. Plans are being made to host a Job Fair to give employees an opportunity to visit with companies and learn of possible future employ-

ment. It is expected that approximately 10 to 20 companies will participate in the Job Fair. The Job Fair is scheduled to be held Aug. 25 from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. in building 5309, room 9128. Employees who are interested in employment should review the jobs on the web and submit resumes to Phyllis Conner, Civilian Personnel Advisory Center, AMSAM-PT-CP-CSB, building 5303, room 3130.

SMDC briefing

On Aug. 26, Robert Schwenk from the Office of Defense Information Systems for Command, Control, Communications and Computers is to visit the Space and Missile Defense Command. He is to give a briefing on the Army Chief Information Officer's perspective on DoD's initiative on enterprise licensing of software, assessment for acquisition programs, software support policy and creating paperless acquisition. The presentation is open to all government and contractor personnel at the SMDC facility on Wynn Drive, main conference room from 11 a.m. to noon Aug. 26. For more information and registration, call 955-3498.

Anti-tamper briefing

The Space and Missile Defense Command's Advanced Technology

Directorate, Computer Technologies Division will sponsor a DoD Anti-Tamper Requirements presentation by the Air Force Superiority Division Aug. 27 from 2-4 p.m. at the Sparkman Auditorium, building 5304. Topics to be addressed include anti-tamper requirements, the DoD anti-tamper program and the anti-tamper techniques employed by various weapon systems. The briefing is classified. Clearances must be received by Aug. 20 to accommodate badging preparations. Badging will be from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. Aug. 27. To register call 955-3498.

Digitization overview

The Space and Missile Defense Command's Advanced Technology Directorate, Computer Technologies Division will host Stan Levine, deputy director, Army Digitization Office, to introduce the ADO and present an overview to include the ADO master plan, digitization systems, emerging Army warfighting experiment plans, architecture enablers for the future and future drivers and plans. The unclassified meeting, open to all government and contractor personnel, will be at SMDC's facility on Wynn Drive, main conference room, from

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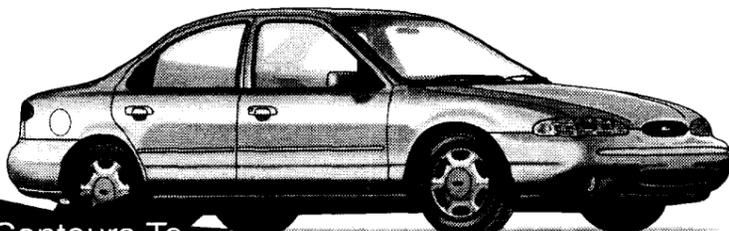
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Admin professionals

Redstone Arsenal Chapter, International Association of Administrative Professionals (IAAP)—formerly PSI—will hold its monthly meeting at 11 a.m. Aug. 18 in the Twickenham Room at the Redstone Arsenal Club. This month's program will consist of reports by attendees to the Professional Secretaries International Convention and Education Forum. For more information on IAAP call Ruth Woodham 895-1822 or Maxine Young 895-1827, membership chairpersons.

Bicycle races

The Spring City Bicycle Races, hosted by the Spring City Cycle Club and Saturn of Huntsville to benefit the Huntsville Land Trust, will be held Aug. 15-16. Cyclists of all ages will be winding through the streets surrounding the Huntsville/Madison County Airport during Saturday's competition and zipping through downtown Sunday. Children's races (the Huntsville Land Trust "Raccoon Rally") will be held from 1:30-2:45 p.m. Sunday in Big Springs International Park. For more information, call Jacqy Stone 721-0937 or 517-7101 or call Joe Ruf 544-4942 or 430-3290.

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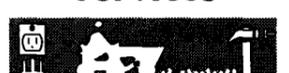
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