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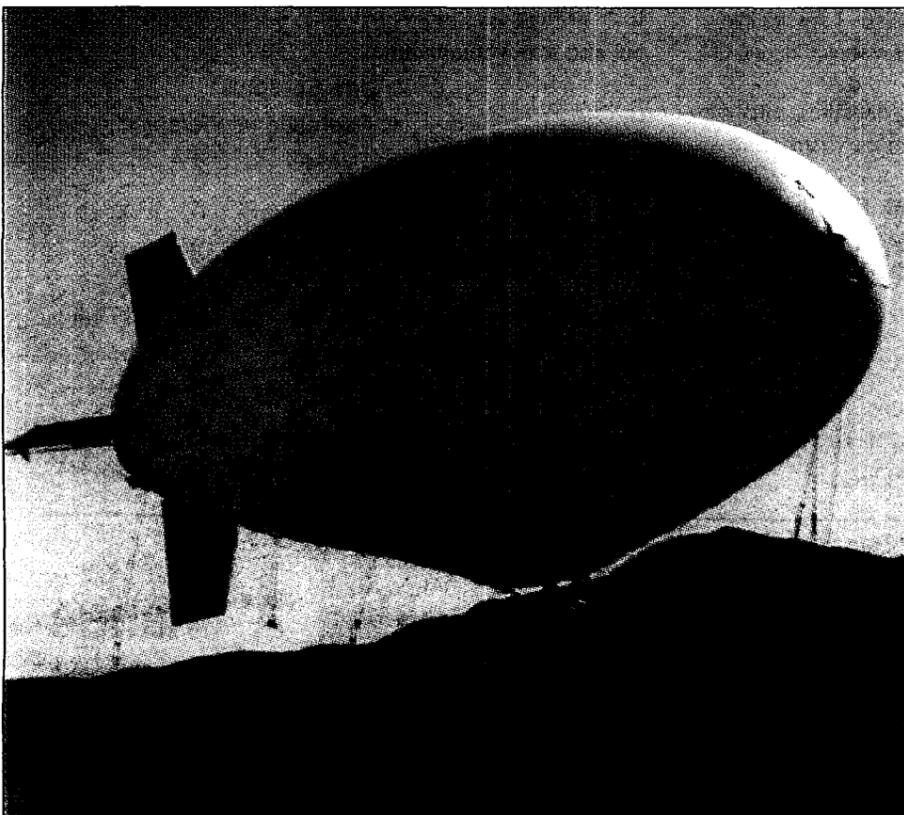
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Blimp on horizon for electronic surveillance missions



Bosch Aerospace photo

FLIGHT DEMO— The contractor, Bosch Aerospace, demonstrated its airship for the Southern Command in April at New Cuyama, Calif.

Airship program moves from AMCOM to Va.-based office

By Skip Vaughn

One of the latest weapons in the war on drugs resembles a Goodyear blimp.

A cooperative effort between this Army command, a Huntsville-based contractor and a Reserve unit has resulted in a helium-filled airship for electronic surveillance missions. The development program has reached maturity and was transitioned Friday from the Aviation and Missile Command to the Program Executive Office for Intelligence and Electronics Warfare, based in Virginia.

In 1988 the Army and contractor team took an existing aerial platform and tailored it as a robotic airship for use in missile tests. Eventually this capability was adapted as a platform for carrying sensors in drug surveillance. Last week's transition to the Program Executive Office for Intelligence and Electronics Warfare marks the move into the operational phase for counterdrugs and other surveillance missions.

"It's a team effort between the government; the contractor, Bosch Aerospace; and the

reservists, to make all of this happen," Brian Matkin, contracting officer's technical representative in the AMC Smart Weapons Management Office, said. "But it's a shining example of the cooperation between the government and small business because the small business has the vision to see the potential for this concept. Bosch Aerospace made it happen. It wasn't something that's easy to do, but they made it happen."

Judy Boschma is president of Bosch Aerospace, a woman-owned small business in Huntsville with six full-time and five part-time employees. Her company builds, operates and integrates the airship under contract.

"But we couldn't have done it without SWMO's support through the years," Boschma said, referring to the Smart Weapons Management Office. "It's been a team effort all the way."

The third partner has been the 184th Individual Mobilization Augmentee Detachment, a 65-member Reserve unit

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Follow the 10 commandments of shooting safety

Ken Clark, a computer engineer in the Software Engineering Directorate was shot in the head and shoulder while hunting in April.

"If only the guy had taken a second or two to identify his target, he would have known that he was shooting at a human being," said Clark, who spent months recovering from the injury that left 37 lead pellets in his body, including one in his brain.

The following rules were supplied by Outdoor Recreation to remind hunters to put safety first while handling a loaded gun:

- Treat every firearm with the same respect due a loaded firearm;
- Control the direction of your firearm's muzzle. Carry your firearm safely, keeping the safety on until ready to shoot. Keep your finger off the trigger until ready to shoot;
- Identify your target and what is beyond it. Know the identifying features of the game you hunt;
- Be sure the barrel and action are clear of obstructions and that you have only ammunition of the proper size for the firearm you are carrying;
- Unload firearms when not in use. Leave the actions open. Firearms should be carried empty in cases to and from shooting areas;
- Never point a firearm at anything you do not want to shoot. Avoid all horseplay with a firearm;
- Never climb a fence or tree, or jump a ditch or log,

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Hunter finds 'miracle' in Bankhead National Forest

Accidental shooting leaves scars but restores victim's faith

By Sandy Riebeling

While hunting turkey in Bankhead National Forest in April, Ken Clark, a computer engineer for the Software Engineering Directorate, was accidentally shot by another hunter in the woods. The shotgun blast drove 41 lead pellets into his head, shoulder and chest, thrusting one pellet three inches into his brain.

Two weeks ago, Clark, 30, returned full time to his job in the Missile Research Development and Engineering Center.

"I get tired easy. Long meetings where I have to concentrate and stay focused for three or four hours are difficult, but Gary has been great, making sure I go home before I wear myself out," said Clark, referring to his supervisor and friend, Gary Clayton,



Photo by Darrel See

IN HOSPITAL— Clark spent eight days in the hospital after being shot while turkey hunting in Bankhead National Forest. His father is in the background.

SED division chief. "He's on his way back," Clayton said. "He's a brilliant engineer. That he has come this far this fast is a miracle."

Clark describes his survival as a miracle, or rather a series of little miracles that kept God in control and Clark alive.

"There's lots of things that happened, that if any one of them had been different, I might not have made it," Clark said.

The morning of the accident was much like any other morning that Clark and his hunting partner and friend, Darrel See, went hunting. The pair had arrived at Bankhead well before dawn, giving them time to walk a mile down an old logging road and get situated in the woods to wait for first light.

"You can't hunt until dawn," said Clark, adding that to hunt turkey, hunters are heavily camouflaged

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Recalling five years of terror... Ex-Vietnam POW shares story at remembrance service at chapel

By Sandy Riebeling

On Sept. 18, retired Col. Ben Purcell will speak at a POW-MIA Remembrance Service at Redstone Arsenal. He comes here with a personal story to share—one of courage, faith and endurance. When he speaks of the daily challenges faced by soldiers in captivity and the mental war that rages as they fight to stay free within themselves, he speaks from experience.

Purcell spent more than five years as a prisoner of war in Vietnam from 1967-73. Of the 62 months he was imprisoned, 58 were spent in solitary confinement, no personal belongings, no contact with other prisoners. He escaped twice during that time, once in '69 and once in '72.

"It was my duty," Purcell said of his escape attempts, "my obligation to keep fighting. I wasn't going to let them subdue me mentally. It helped the morale of the other soldiers in the camp."

Helicopter downed

In 1968, returning from a mission to deliver a radio to a battalion from the 101st Airborne Division, positioned just outside Quang Tri City, Purcell's Huey caught enemy fire and crash landed. He and the five with him in the helicopter were taken prisoner.

"One of the men was burned really bad from the crash," Purcell said. "He said he just couldn't go on. We complained, telling them that he needed medical attention. They made us keep marching, with our hands tied behind us and a gun in our backs. A little ways down the road, we heard a gunshot and knew they'd shot him."

Purcell spent his days in a 3 x 7 foot cell. His diet consisted mainly of a few handfuls of rice and thin broth and a cup of water twice a day. He lived in a depression for the first six

months.

"I'd sit around and mope and I knew that wasn't good," he said. "Finally I started moving around my cell, doing push ups, sit-ups, pull ups, and a lot of pacing just to stay active." Mental exercise

He fell into a routine, when to eat, when to exercise. He had time planned for mental exercise as well.

"I pictured a slot machine in my mind, with the numbers and bars that roll around; for me they were like different subjects. When my mind landed on one, like cars, I spent all my energy concentrating on that subject, trying to remember everything I knew about it. It forced my mind to stay active."

A year into his captivity, peace talks began in Paris. With the talks Purcell was given a piece of bread and spoonful of sugar in the morning as breakfast and would occasionally get a book to read.

"When I got something to read, I wouldn't sit down and read it all in one day. I paced myself. I went through my routine then read a while. I had to save some for the next day."

Purcell said that he was a difficult prisoner, going on hunger strikes, arguing with the guards, all as a way of remaining free and providing moral support for the other prisoners.

As months went by, he came to know his captors. On occasion, they would show kindness like giving him a piece of fruit or a few pieces of candy from town. It was during a friendly exchange that Purcell discovered which direction Hanoi was and started planning his first escape. He made it into Hanoi but was recaptured.

After his second escape and recapture, a guard tower was built outside his cell and manned 24 hours a day to make sure he wouldn't escape again.

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Healthy smile

I am writing this letter to commend (the Dental Clinic Command) on the absolutely superb dental service I have received while assigned to Redstone Arsenal over the last five years!

There is always good-natured kidding about Army and Air Force facilities and services, with the Air Force frequently being identified as having the best of everything when compared to the Army. I want to say without hesitation, that the Dental Clinic on Redstone Arsenal certainly breaks that stereotype. I found the dental service and facilities on Redstone Arsenal second to none!

Please convey my special appreciation to Pat Schell and Kelly Armbruster. Both of these ladies have made "coming to the dentist" something for me to look forward to multiple times each year. They have always been courteous, competent, friendly, and very helpful!

I also want to convey appreciation to Katherine Brown. As you undoubtedly know, she "takes no prisoners" when it comes to cleaning and flossing, but her competence and dedication are most impressive. I always knew my teeth couldn't be any cleaner after completing one of her sessions.

Again, thanks for the outstanding dental care that you and your command provide to the military personnel assigned to Redstone Arsenal!

Frederick Driesbach
Air Force colonel,
newly retired

Role models

A while back, we at the Tuscaloosa VA Medical Center (TVAMC) had a very nice experience. I would like to share it with you.

During monthly luncheon...

Resource managers hear about making 'A' change

By Karen R. Moore

Aviation, adjustment and attitude are three A's worth remembering, according to the civilian personnel officer.

LeRoy Daniels was guest speaker at the American Society of Military Comptrollers luncheon Aug. 13. He described "What a Difference an 'A' Makes."

Daniels outlined the evolution of the Civilian Personnel Office and the worldwide impact of regionalization. In 1984 CPO had more than 200 workers at Redstone Arsenal and a ratio of one civilian personnel officer to every 61 customers. Today, the Civilian Personnel Advisory Center has about 70 workers at Redstone and a ratio of one

civilian personnel officer to every 200 customers.

The CPO/CPAC phase occurred during a number of events such as the arrival of the aviation function from St. Louis, standup of two demonstration projects, and reshape of the then-Missile Command.

The Civilian Personnel Advisory Center is addressing several challenges including labor management, Acquisition workforce demonstration project, and full use of automation. Daniels reminded attendees to check out the CPAC upcoming events on its home page. The address is www.redstone.army.mil/cpo.

(Editor's note: Moore does publicity for the American Society of Military Comptrollers.)

On May 11, two special people from your command spent most of a very warm spring day visiting and befriending former soldiers, sailors, airmen and Marines at the TVAMC. These special people deserve our sincere thanks for such a wonderful and meaningful visit. Sgt. Maj. Lewis Lockett and 1st Sgt. Arthur Wiley showed a genuine concern for our veterans and served to promote a true spirit of comradeship to all patients and staff at our medical center. Our veterans, as well as our staff, enjoyed the visit by your soldiers and we hope that they can return soon.

After visiting with our veterans, Sgt. Maj. Lockett and 1st Sgt. Wiley made a visit to the Medical Center's adopted school, Arcadia Elementary. They gave these children much encouragement and prove to be excellent role models. They made quite an impression with these children also.

Please express to them our sincere appreciation for their willingness to serve not only in our armed forces, but also in our communities.

Joe St. John
Recreational therapist,
TVAMC

Samaritan update

The kindhearted lady mentioned in the Aug. 12 edition of the Rocket (letter titled "Good Samaritan") is Mrs. Myong Cothran. She is an employee of the Commissary and works in the cashier's cage.

Name withheld by request

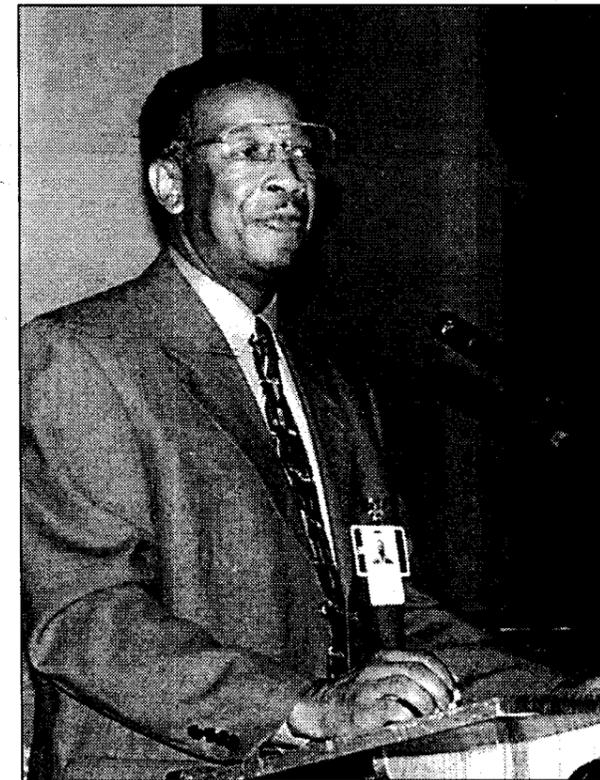


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PERSONNEL OFFICER— Daniels addresses attendees at the ASMC luncheon.

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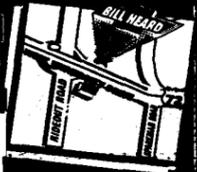
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Citizens spend week in the trenches

Conference gives chance to see military lifestyle

By Sandy Riebeling

It's the vacation kids dream about. Zooming off to the Pentagon for a meeting in the war room, flying in military transports, getting close to the action during military training exercises, riding in the Coast Guard boats, watching a jet land on an aircraft carrier. It sounds too good to be true and for most Americans that's the case.

But for Diane Weston, president of Uwohali Inc. in Huntsville, and Dr. Delbert Baker, president of Oakwood College, it was the trip of a lifetime.

The pair flew to Washington June 20 for an unforgettable week at the Joint Civilian Orientation Conference, which brings ordinary people into the real world of the military.

Life changing, amazing, wonderful and frustrating was how Weston described a nine-day whirlwind tour of some of the best military bases in the country.

"I don't have any military experience," Baker said. "The JCOC really opened my eyes to the commitment of the military — the service people. They love their job and the concept of their job. They believe in what they're doing. It was a great experience for me."

The conference, conducted annually since 1948, offers community leaders from across the United States a chance to see and experience the life of the soldier, their needs, their purpose, and their goals.

The conference invited 60 civilians, from all walks of life, to get a firsthand look at how the military operates from the top down. Weston and Baker met with top brass including Defense Secretary William Cohen, Deputy Defense Secretary John Hamre, Joint Chiefs of Staff Chairman Hugh Shelton, generals from all the service branches, all the way down to the privates and corporals out in the fields doing the jobs.

It was the close personal contact with the Marines and soldiers that left a lasting impression on Weston.

"We see war as a high-tech business, which it is. However, what we don't see, is into the eyes and faces of these young people we put in harm's way," she said, her eyes misting as she remembered her conversations with a young paratrooper.

"He was 20 years old. It's not about systems or contracts. We are asking these young men and women to do a job, to make a commitment to stand between us and the enemy. At the same time, they have inadequate hospital coverage for their families and pay that is 14 percent below the national average."

Weston and Baker spent the week "in the trenches" with these soldiers and Marines, and both report a much greater respect for the military, and the people of the military.

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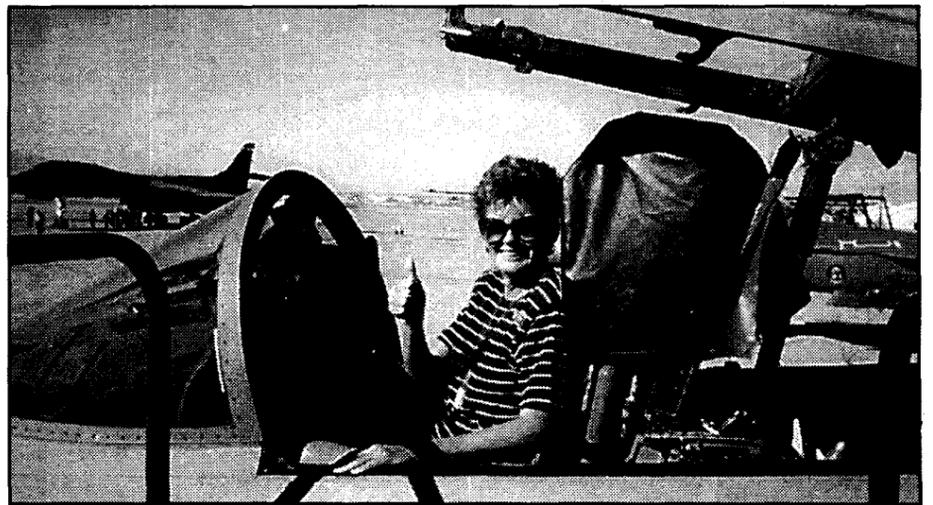


Photo from Diane Weston

READY FOR TAKEOFF— Sitting in the cockpit of an F-15 fighter jet was one of many unique experiences for Weston during the eight-day conference.



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RIDING THE WAVES— Baker, right, spends an afternoon with the Coast Guard aboard White Sumac.

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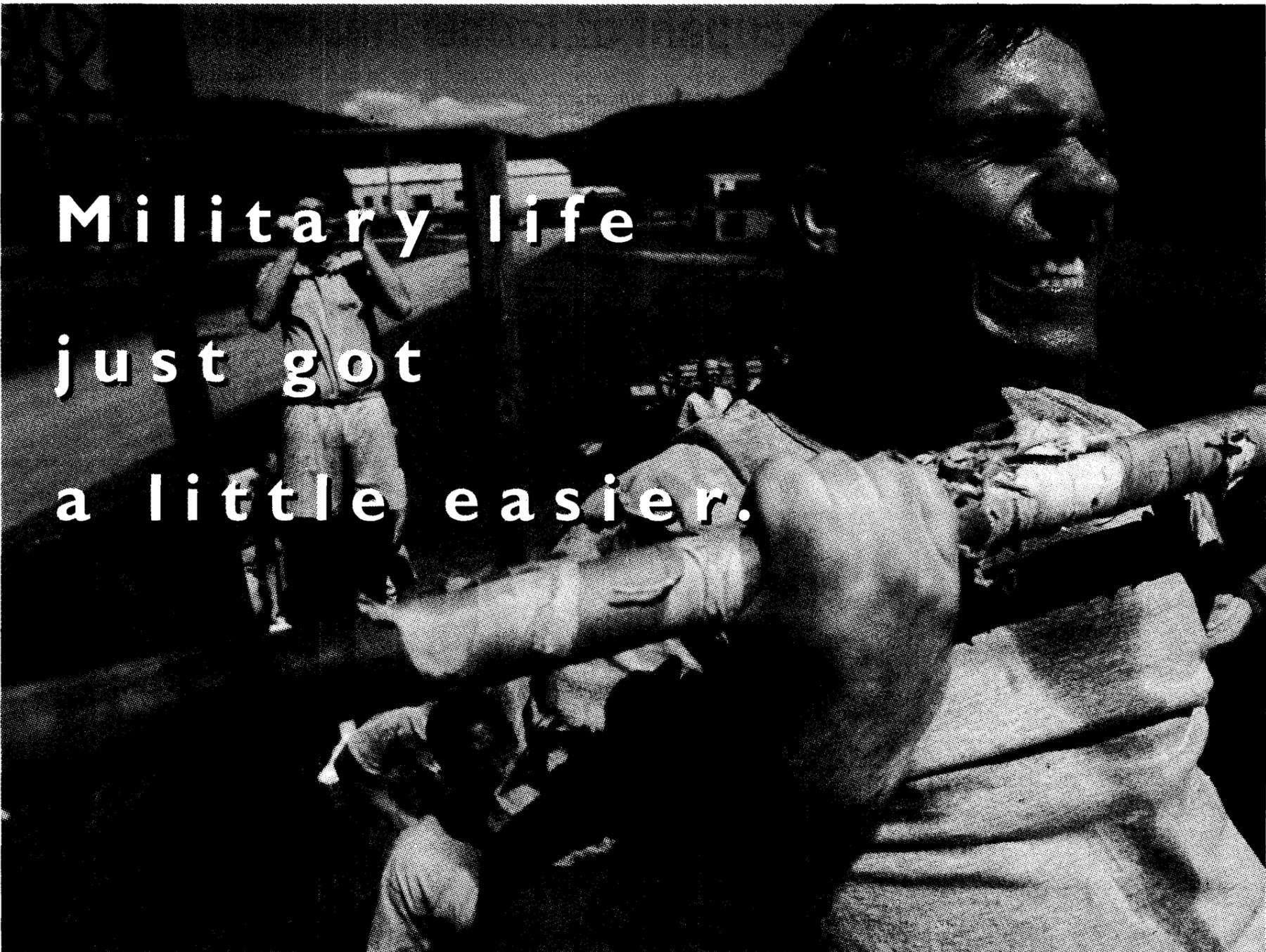
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Then and now...

Water tower is only occupant of former headquarters site

By Margaret Banish-Donaldson

Early one August morning in 1941, a small group gathered on an empty lot to watch the first commanding officer, Col.

Rollo C. Ditto, break ground for initial construction of the Huntsville Chemical Warfare Depot.

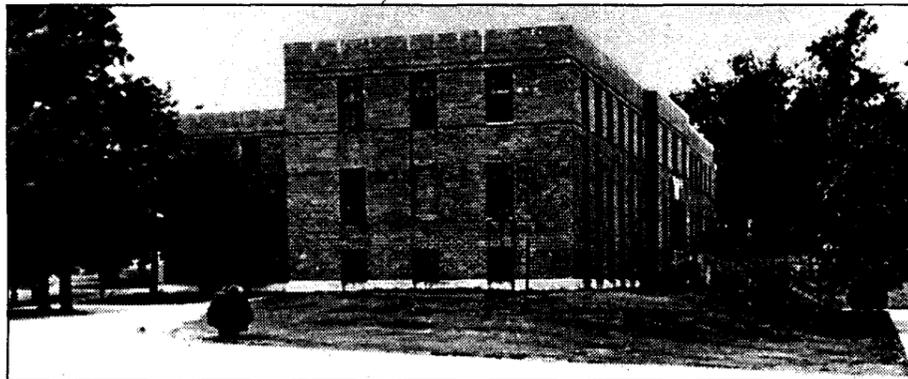
This site was located at the corner of Patton Road and Madison Pike, known as

"Splinter Village." Today, all that occupies the arsenal's first headquarters site is a 200-foot water tower.

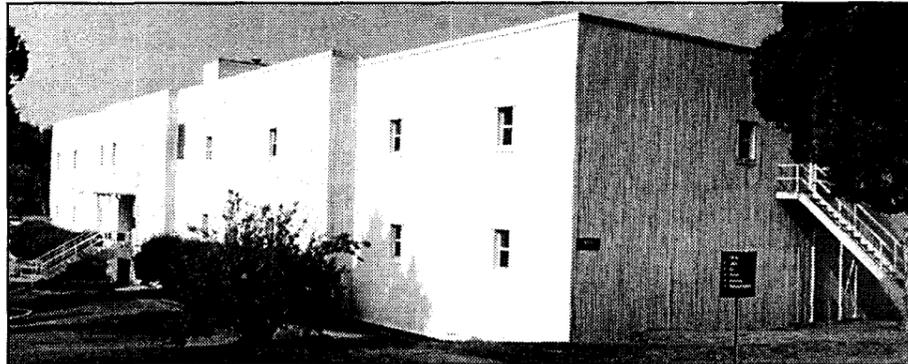
The first structures erected at Huntsville Arsenal were long, two-story frame build-

ings located in the northeastern corner of the reservation. Situated at the corner of what are now Bob Wallace Avenue and Jordan Lane, these buildings served as tempo-

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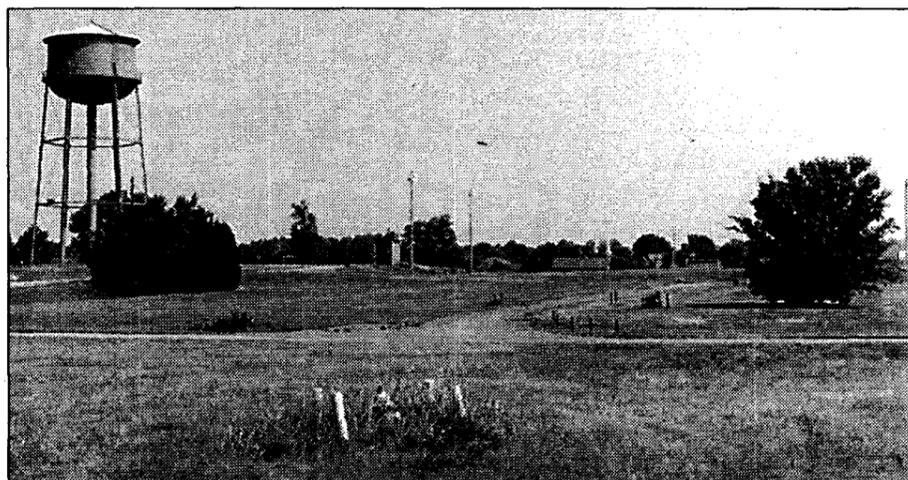
BUILDING 111 BEFORE— This is how building 111 looked years ago.



TODAY'S BUILDING 111— New siding is among the many changes that have been made to this facility.



SPLINTER VILLAGE— The former headquarters site, called Splinter Village, used to look like this.



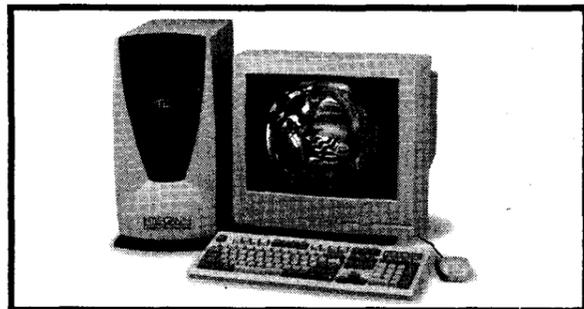
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Taking final step in process...

Executive panel steers command toward strategic goals

By Cheryl Wise

Just imagine the following: paperless contacting, web-based training, Aviation and Missile Technology for the 21st Century/ Army After Next, reducing cycle time and cost of ownership for weapon systems and facilities.

These initiatives are examples of how business will be conducted in the near future. Maj. Gen. Emmitt Gibson, the AMCOM commander, and the Executive Steering Committee (ESC) members met Thursday at the Electronic Meeting Room to finalize the command's Strategic Performance Plan. The meeting was the last in a series of meetings held this fiscal year to implement the Integrated Strategic Planning Process. The AMCOM Strategic Plan will be published and posted on the web soon.

The Integrated Strategic Planning Process began in October 1997 with an ESC off-site. The ESC members assessed where we are and developed where we are going with the strategic vision, mission, goals, objectives and values. The commander communicated the information at the March 17, 1998 Town Hall. Pamphlets and

organizational posters were also distributed to the AMCOM community. A permanent display in building 5302 on the first floor next to the Sparkman Dining Room 2142 is available for viewing.

The final step in the process concluded Thursday with the ESC members determining how the command will get there by accomplishing the performance plan. The performance plan consists of the designated ESC advocate(s), goals, objectives, tasks, metrics and milestones through fiscal year 02. The strategic planning process requires continuous feedback and updating. A web-based corporate reporting system will be used to monitor results. Surveys will be given to obtain feedback from our customers and workforce and used to make adjustments to the future direction of the command.

As the command develops plans to meet higher headquarters directives and initiatives, the strategic plan will help AMCOM position itself to accomplish those initiatives and address other strategic issues.

(Editor's note: Wise is a management analyst in the Strategic Planning Office.)

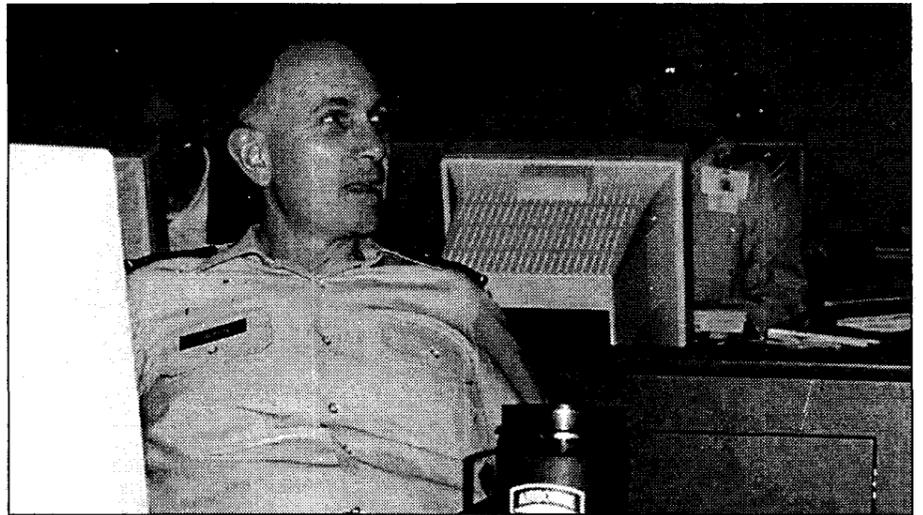


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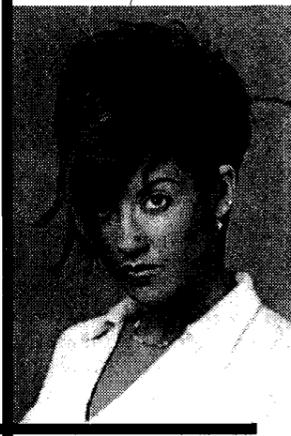
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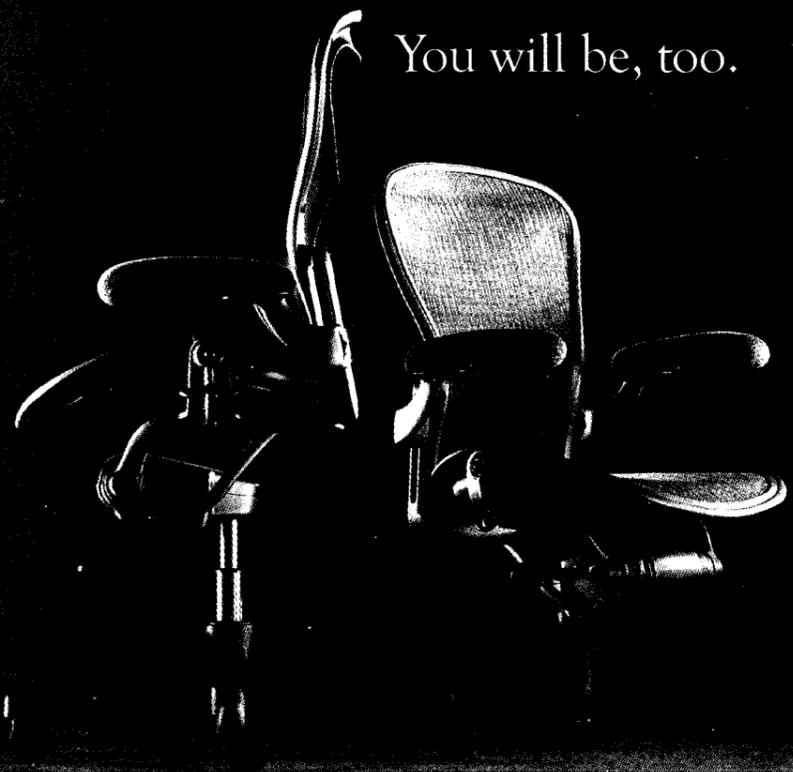
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Just for fun...

PEO Tactical Missile workers celebrate family day 1998

By Bruce Lucas

The Program Executive Office for Tactical Missiles celebrated PEO-MSL Family Day, July 23 near building 5250. Approximately 1,000 employees and family members participated in the second anniversary of this 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.

The fun activities included a dunking booth, talent show which included Security Officer Bobby Brooks and a few extra pickers, Lola Spearman's moving gospel rendition of "Let Me Touch You Lord," Chris Carter on the piano, Eugene Edwards singing gospel and Corey Gaught's rousing rendition of a country favorite. The dunking booth was a popular activity. Armbruster, Billy R. Bentley, Col. Barry Ward, and Lt. Col.

Damian Bianca were repeatedly (and enthusiastically due to the heat) 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 watching live-fire launches of both TOW and Javelin missiles. Young family members, in particular, enjoyed thrilling rides on the M270 launcher which was operated by Steve Bramlett. The Kiowa Warrior made a

dramatic landing in the parking lot.

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.

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 including TOW-2A, TOW-2B, IBAS (Improved Bradley Acquisition Subsystem), FOTT (Follow-on-to-TOW), LOSAT (Line of Sight Anti-Tank); Javelin; Multi-

ple 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; 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 us, 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 Bentley, Maj. Bruce Lucas, Patricia Dailley, Marilyn Schild, Spearman, Beryl Cutts, Bramlett, Jerry Green, Carol Olsen, Bertie Thompson, and Terrie Wiseman.

(Editor's note: Maj. Lucas is executive officer for PEO Tactical Missiles.)

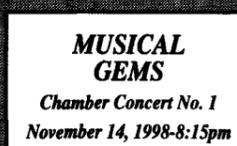
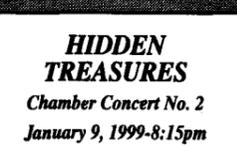
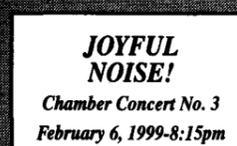
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Preventing workplace problems...

Counselor: Violence usually follows warning signs

By Jim Bowne

"Unfortunately, we are a violent society and that violence sometimes spills over into the workplace," Ed Fahey said. "Recognizing the potential for violence in the workplace is the key to preventing that violence from happening."

Fahey is a certified employee assistance professional. "I am available to help any civilian employee who may be dealing with problems that he or she feels are overwhelming or getting out of hand. Of course, all conversations are held in strictest confidence," he said.

Every third Tuesday of the month, Fahey offers a civilian counseling services briefing for supervisors. He teaches them how to identify potential problems in the workplace before they turn violent.

"By becoming aware of certain 'indicators,' supervisors begin to recognize behaviors that can be the harbingers of violence," Fahey said. "These indicators may point to suicidal tendencies, alcohol and/or drug problems, depression, or domestic violence."

"Violence in the workplace usually emanates from home, from domestic violence. Certain occupations, including both white and blue collar, tend to increase the potential for domestic violence... taxi drivers, policemen, bartenders, dentists, etc. Things are changing so

quickly that people begin to feel they cannot keep up. Their anxiety results in stress and they have to find a way to vent. The increase in alcohol and drug abuse has not helped matters either."

According to Fahey, it is important that supervisors really know their people. "If you are a supervisor and do not have a lot of contact with your employees on a daily basis, how are you going to recognize when your people are headed for trouble? You have to be attuned to their normal behaviors in order to see the warning signs."

There are always warning signs. Psychological problems. Drug use. Alcoholism. The "loner." Sexual harassment. However, it is not always an easy task to separate those who are a real risk from those who are not. In reality, many people who appear to fit the "profile" do not become violent.

"Some potential problem employees may not be easily picked out of the bunch," Fahey said. "People have become very good at hiding their true selves. For example, what about the employee who is a closet alcoholic? That is why training is vital."

Fahey believes in plenty of training for supervisors. "Supervisors can usually help a great deal in preventing certain situations from escalating into violent behavior," he said. "However, many supervisors are afraid to get involved.

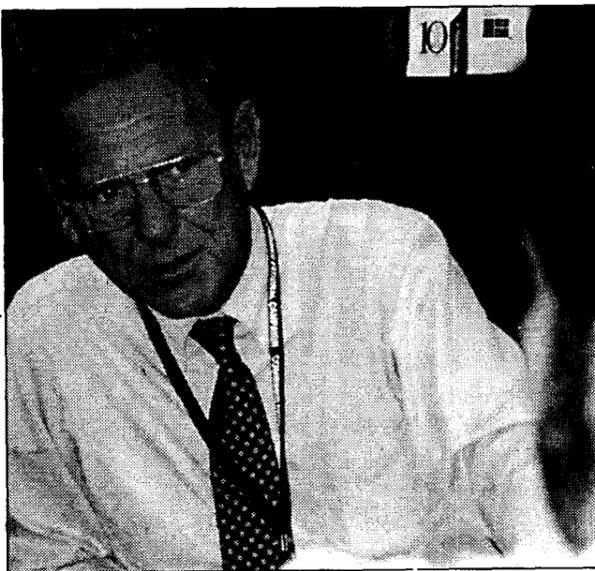


Photo by Jim Bowne

OFFICE SESSION— Fahey offers an attentive ear to a client.

Their normal reaction is to not deal with it. But the key is to take action immediately," he stressed. "That is exactly the time to deal with it—right then; nip it in the bud."

He feels that the Aviation and Missile Command is probably leading the other subordinate commands within the Army Materiel Command in teaching prevention tactics to curb violence in the workplace.

"I teach a special eight-hour course in non-violent crisis intervention for supervisors," Fahey said. "The course covers all

sorts of problems. Some of the units I cover are non-verbal behavior, verbal intervention, staff attitude, empathic listening, staff fear and anxiety, violence response procedures, personal safety, and team intervention."

According to Fahey, the course is formal and interactive in nature. "Supervisors are given a pre-test at the beginning of the course and a final test at the end.

This gives the attendees and me a good indication of how much they have learned. It always surprises me that so many of them

do extremely well on the pre-test. And once they have completed the training, they all feel much more confident about dealing with potential problems."

One of the most important things that Fahey tells supervisors is that they need to make their employees realize that certain actions are not acceptable and will not be tolerated. "Some employees just need to be told their actions are unacceptable behavior in the workplace," he said.

"Many times, employees simply do not realize that what they say to a fellow employee, or how they say it, could be construed as 'fightin' words. Then, of course, the situation goes from bad to worse in a hurry. This is sad, because most people do not want to be violent."

According to Fahey, the stereotype regarding violence in the workplace is "any person who is angry with management." However, the problem runs much deeper than that.

"Violence in the workplace is not just about physically assaulting someone," he said. "It is also about destroying property; sexually harassing someone;

threatening or intimidating someone; and baiting a fellow employee or a supervisor. Baiting is usually a surefire way to escalate a non-violent situation to a violent one."

"We all need to understand these types of behaviors will not be tolerated. We have a regulation that deals with violence in the workplace, as well as a Commander's Letter. Both mandate a 'zero tolerance' policy. We all must do everything possible to prevent violence in the workplace. If it does happen, we must deal with it immediately and effectively."

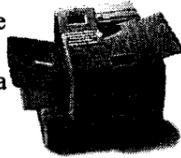
Fahey also feels that "Consideration of Others" training needs to be taken seriously by everyone. "This is a proactive program," he said. "I believe this program may be helpful in preventing violence in the workplace. After all, isn't the concept of Consideration of Others training the same as 'do unto others as you would have them do unto you'?" Perhaps this is the real secret to preventing violence."

For more information regarding violence in the workplace and how to deal with it, call Fahey at 842-9896 or fax 876-5705.

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Redstone among winners... Southern commissaries sweep merchandising awards

When Southern Area Best Commissary nominees head to Virginia Beach in September for the annual Defense Commissary Agency Best Commissary Awards, two stores will already be going as winners. Redstone Arsenal (large store) and Mallonee Village (small store) are continental U.S. winners in the agency's marketing business unit's fourth annual Merchandising Contest.

Out of 11 stores from Southern area entered, five won first place or honorable mention. The three honorable mentions are: Eglin AFB, Fla.; Fort Benning, Ga.; and Camp Lejeune, N.C.

"I'm proud they did such a great job—it's a lot of effort and hard work. The true winner is the customer. Great merchandising fills the store with excitement and adds an element of fun to the shopping experience," Southern Area Vice President Chet Boutelle said.

The MBU's annual Merchandising contest was held during the Armed Forces Day/Memorial Day Sale and the second annual Director's Sale. Criteria included: level of compliance with the MBU worldwide promotions; participation of regional and local companies; quality and creativity of displays; appearance of off-shelf displays; use of point of sale materials; and professional presentation of entry submitted.

Large Store winner,

Redstone Arsenal, was cited by the MBU for submitting an impressive entry. One of the highlights of their displays was the use of fountains with real waterfalls. Winning is becoming a habit for Redstone Arsenal. In four years they've won two first place awards and a special award.

During a store manager's staff meeting, Redstone Commissary Officer Lee Wainwright and grocery manager Ken Chastain were eager to share the credit with employees, in particular merchandiser Chuck Hughes. "He's very creative and has great ideas," Wainwright said. "Of course it nearly kills us trying to execute them! All of the grocery employees worked hard, but we had a lot of help from others in the store as well as sales reps." Wainwright singled out Zofia Rodgers of Kraft/General Foods and Darlene Piontek of Dunham and Smith as deserving of special credit for their help.

Boutelle noted that a merchandising award for Mallonee Village's Carol Lakey was quite an accomplishment. "For Carol to win something like that as a first-time commissary officer is a great experience," he said.

"The staff is thrilled," Lakey said. "It was a lot of hard work and fun. Bonnie Ramsey, acting grocery manager, was instrumental in pulling it together." On another note said Lakey, "winning this and getting a

great IG, all in my first year, is wonderful and I really want to thank all the store employees for their work!" The MBU recognized Mallonee Village for its unique wild west theme, citing the store for its unmatched creativity and teamwork.

The outside-CONUS winners of the merchandising awards are: RAF Croughton, England and Hanau, Germany. Other honorable mentions were given for: Holloman AFB, N.M.; Kaneohe Bay, Hawaii; McGuire AFB, N.J.; Osan, Korea; Bangor NSB, Wash.; McConnell AFB, Kan.; and Presidio, Calif. Nearly 60 stores entered this year's contest, only three were OCONUS.

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Only the beginning... Seasoned parents share tips for school

By Patricia Johnson

Preparation and organization are the keys to minimizing you and your child's stress level during the first few weeks back at school. Hopefully you have already started preparations.

Following are suggestions gleaned from seasoned parents who have been there/done, that. You might find some of these helpful in reducing the stress that comes from getting back into the hectic routine of school after a leisurely, lazy summer:

- **Carpool**— if possible, and with close to or the same age as your own to minimize teasing and bullying. This is also a good way for a child to ease into a new school situation as car mates usually are neighbors and can become friends.
- **Clothes**— Again buy early. Negotiate and reach a consensus if they are adamant about some outrageous fad outfit that you absolutely cannot stand.
- **Special Needs Child**— Make appointment with teacher early to discuss school policies and procedures.
- **Especially The Night Before**— Plan to get as much done before the school day as possible, i.e., homework done, backpack filled. The payoff for this is a calmer, smoother beginning to the school day for your family; and the reduced stress is almost as good as money in the bank.

(Editor's note: Johnson is a health educator at the Public Health Education Center, Fox Army Health Center.)

Redstone shoppers sweep Ray-Ban Sweepstakes

Top winner receives computer package in Post Exchange competition

By Skip Vaughn

The message came from a store, but it was certainly worth having on your answering machine.

Kay Stoffel returned home from a vacation to find that she had won the grand prize in a sales promotion conducted at military exchanges throughout the United States. She won a Compaq computer in the Ray-Ban Father's Day Sweepstakes, June 14-20.

Another Redstone exchange entry, James Sterling, won the second prize: a Seiko kinetic watch. The contest was conducted in the 173 post exchanges throughout the continental U.S.

"We had all of the winners from Redstone Arsenal

which was very, very unusual," Kim Sumpter, PX sales and merchandise manager, said. "It's never happened before. Think of the odds."

Besides the two top winners, each exchange gave a third prize which consisted of Ray-Ban sunglasses.

Stoffel, widow of a retired Army officer, has plans for her Compaq package valued at \$1,974 which includes a computer, printer and monitor.

"I do have a computer but it's not near as nice as this one," she said. Stoffel plans to give her old computer to her grandson in Birmingham who attends the University of Alabama-Birmingham. "I'm gonna keep this one," she said.



Photo by Skip Vaughn
LUCKY WINNER— Stoffel, left, talks about her new computer equipment with PX workers Sarah Ewing, sales area manager, and Sumpter.

People page.....

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HUNTER

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and sit in the forage to wait for the turkeys to fly down out of their tree perches at first light. Sometimes turkey callers are used to attract the female birds, with the dominant male, a Tom, not very far behind. Hunters are only allowed to shoot male turkeys.

"I did a female call. After about two hours, I heard a female (turkey) call up on the road. I started dominant calling but there was no answer," Clark said.

After a series of calls, Clark realized that the call was coming from another hunter. Soon after, the hunter stopped calling. Clark assumed that he'd moved on so he decided to listen to See, who was turkey calling from another 30 yards into the woods. See used a special crow call to signal Clark it was time to move on to another spot.

"If the animals hear or see you in the woods, they're gone. You can't move or talk while you're hunting. You call and wait for the birds to come to you," he said. "When I heard Darrel's crow call, that was our signal to move. I stood up, took one step, then another, very slow, very quiet. On my third step, I heard a gunshot and

there was this extreme heat in my arm. It felt like there were hot nails going three or four inches into my arm. On the side of my head, it felt like something was thumping it."

Clark said that he didn't feel the pellets enter his chest, right leg or lower lip, where a pellet went through his lip, and knocked out a tooth.

"All I could think was, 'My God, I've been shot.' I didn't understand why or how that could happen. I just knew I had to get down before he shot again."

According to Clark, See had seen the gun barrel and started to yell to him but there wasn't enough time. See ran to Clark and began to assess the wounds. This wasn't difficult for See because he is an experienced Emergency Medical Technician. That, Clark believes, is just one of the ways God was watching over him.

The hunter that shot Clark had a friend with him, who got in his truck and drove back down the road to call an ambulance while See took care of Clark.

"I was scared, I don't remember everything that happened, but I know I told Darrel to tell my girlfriend Kellie that I loved her and to tell my mom and Dad that I loved them too. I knew I was losing a lot of blood. I kept telling him that

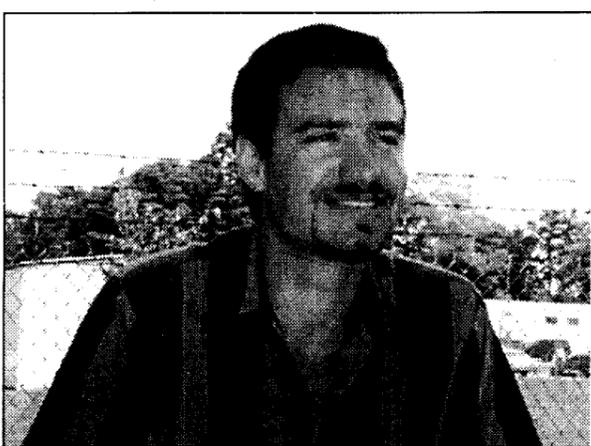


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A LONG ROAD BACK— It was nearly four months before Clark returned to work full time as a computer engineer for the Software Engineering Directorate.

this was it," Clark said.

Clark didn't want to just sit and wait for the ambulance. He was afraid it would take too long so he held onto See and they walked out of the woods and down the road, with the hunter that had shot him carrying their gear. The ambulance intercepted them on the road and took Clark to the nearest hospital. After the initial exam, the doctor realized a pellet had gone into the brain

and insisted Clark be moved to a hospital more equipped to handle the wound.

Clark was shipped to Eliza Coffee Memorial Hospital in Florence where a neurosurgeon remove three pellets near the skin's surface while operating. The surgeon cleaned the entry wound of the pellet into Clark's brain but didn't remove the pellet, fearing he would do more damage. Of the 41 pellets in his

body, 37 still remain.

Unsure of the amount of brain damage, doctors were thrilled when Clark woke up and could speak clearly.

"He used nonsensical words at first," said Clayton, who visited him at the hospital. "Sometimes he would say something and get to a word and just stop, he couldn't remember the word he wanted to say."

Clark is taking a seizure medication as a precaution but is expected to make a full recovery and be taken off the medicine in a year. Physically, he will look the same but he says that he is a very different person, emotionally and spiritually.

"Before the accident, I hadn't spoken to my mom in over three years. I flew off the handle easily, and sometimes over small stuff," Clark said. "The accident changed me. Coming that close to death, thinking I was going to die, and then living through it. I promised God I would change, and I have."

Clark has forgiven the hunter that shot him and has used the experience as a second chance at life. He and his parents have reconciled.

Will he ever hunt again? "Yes, I'll go hunting, but not turkey hunting. It's much too dangerous. When I go out in the woods again, I'm going to have orange on from top to bottom.

"For some reason, the guy that shot me put a 10 to 15 year old shell in his gun that morning. The pellets were pure lead, no steel or copper coating," said Clark, explaining the other little miracle. "Lead is much softer, when it hits something it just spreads out instead of going through. Having Darrel there and the guy to go and get the ambulance..."

"I was saved for a reason. There's something He (God) needs me to do. When or what, I don't know. I don't know that I could tell you when it happens. I just want to keep learning about Him and loving Him."

SAFETY

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- with a loaded firearm. Never pull a firearm toward you by the muzzle;
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Under new regulation...

Avenue widens for vehicle damage claims on installations

By James Friday

Effective April 1, 1993, the Army has a new Army Regulation 27-20 that has changed the rules for paying claims for damaged vehicles caused by theft or vandalism while on a military installation.

In the past, the government could only pay for losses due to vandalism or theft if the damage or theft occurred at the claimant's authorized or assigned quarters. The new regulation now allows the government to pay for damages that occur in other places on the installation other than quarters. However, the vehicle must have been on the installation incident to service or employment.

To illustrate with an example: Someone smashes the window of your car

while it is parked at your office on post. In the past, the government could not pay for this damage because it did not occur at your authorized or assigned quarters. Now, the government can pay for the loss because parking your car at the office was incident to your service.

However, do not rush to the claims office just yet, certain rules apply:

- The word "vehicle" does not include all bicycles. If a bicycle is stolen from your authorized or assigned quarters, we may be able to pay a claim for the loss. However, if a bicycle is stolen while on the installation, then we can only pay if the bicycle was owned and operated by the soldier at the time of the loss and the loss was incident to service. Example: A soldier

rides his registered bicycle to the post tennis court and secures it to a fixed object. While the soldier is playing tennis, the bicycle is stolen. A claim for the loss may be payable. If, however, the soldier's son rides his bicycle to the tennis court, and it is stolen, a claim for the loss is not payable.

- The vehicle must be properly registered on the installation and must be on the installation incident to service. To be properly on the installation, the vehicle must have a post vehicle registration decal, state vehicle registration, and the minimum insurance required by law. In order to satisfy the incident to service rule, there must be a sufficient relationship between the reason the vehicle is on the installa-

tion and the soldier's status. Example: A car parked at the PX by a soldier or family member is incident to service. A car parked at the PX after duty hours by a retired soldier, who is also a DA civilian employee, is not incident to service.

- Securing your vehicle remains a requirement for claims due to thefts. Remember, a vehicle is not a safe place to store items for a long period of time.

- The claimant is required to substantiate his or her loss. The first question from the Office of the Staff Judge Advocate's Claims Office is whether the incident occurred off post. The claimant must show by clear and convincing evidence that the vehicle was properly secured and the incident occurred on the

installation to be considered for payment.

- The claimant is required to file a claim with his or her insurance company before filing with the Office of the Staff Judge Advocate's Claims Office. When the claimant presents his or her claim to the Claims Office, the claimant must provide a copy of the vehicle title and the insurance company settlement letter. If the claimant's deductible is more than the claimed loss, he or she must provide a copy of the policy showing the amount of the deductible. If bicycles are stolen from your assigned quarters, then you must pursue a claim

through your homeowner's or renter's insurance.

- Remember the Personnel Claims Act is the Office of the Staff Judge Advocate's authority to pay such claims; however, it is a gratuitous payment statute and does not provide insurance coverage. This act is only intended to supplement private insurance coverage.

If you have any questions, you may contact the Claims Office in building 111, telephone number 876-9007.

(Editor's note: James Friday is claims examiner/investigator in the Claims Office.)

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under the command and control of the Smart Weapons Management Office. The unit has periodically provided six reservists in support of the airship's counterdrug role in Panama. The Southern Command saw the value of using the airship to carry sensors for drug surveillance on land and on sea.

"I'm currently pulling a tour of duty at the JLENS Project Office due to the experience gained working with this program," SFC Robert Barnes of the Reserve unit said.

This airship concept in fact led to the development of the Joint Land Attack Cruise Missile Defense Elevated Netted Sensor System (JLENS) Project Office at the Space and Missile Defense Command. Barnes has been working in that project office about three months.

The eighth airship built by Bosch Aerospace for the Army is the largest so far. It is a prototype specifically designed for the counterdrug mission. The \$100,000-plus airship can be tailored to match its mission and payload. Currently its cargo consists of 400 pounds of sensors valued at more than a \$1 million; and the airship's envelope represents 34,500 cubic feet to accommodate

this payload.

"The operational advantages: It will hover. It takes roughly five people to operate. It does not take a runway or improved sites to operate out of," Matkin said. "The timeline for setting up and tearing down is roughly six hours. It's not a complex system. It can be easily shipped anywhere around the world in a C-130. It can be operated on land or off of ships at sea. Also, it's extremely survivable."

Flight characteristics include a forward speed of about 40 miles an hour, 24 hours of endurance for station time, and the ability to carry a 400-pound payload. "And it's a very stable, docile platform which is suit-

able for cameras and radars," Boschma said.

The program's transition from the Smart Weapons Management Office means the Program Executive Office for Intelligence and Electronics Warfare is now responsible for managing this system. It is no longer an AMCOM contract but instead a Communications-Electronics Command contract.

"Our partnership with SWMO (Smart Weapons Management Office) has been a positive and the program has grown with them," Boschma said. "We're hoping that with PEO IEW the program will continue to broaden and expand."

POW

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"They watched me close, but putting guards there to watch me meant there was just that many less soldiers out fighting, and that was OK."

Waiting family

When the war ended in 1973, a list of prisoners was given to the U.S. Army. It was then, for the first time in more than five years, that

Purcell's wife, Anne, was told he was alive.

"She was back home in Columbus (Ga.), raising our five children, not knowing whether she was a wife or a widow," Purcell said. "She had a tougher time than I did, but she also had a better support system, with family and friends."

When Purcell left for Vietnam, his youngest child was 20 months old and his oldest was 13 years old.

When he returned, his oldest, David, was in his second year at West Point.

"My youngest was 7, going on 15," he said.

Purcell served seven additional years active duty, 30 years total, before retiring in 1980 to his hometown of Clarkesville, Ga.

He served as a state representative from 1993-96.

The Purcells have five children, David, Debbie, Clifford, Sherri and Joy. Ben and Anne live in Clarkesville and own a Christmas tree farm.

He and his wife have shared their story with thou-

sands and thousands of people through speaking engagements, a book published in 1992, "Love and Duty," and magazine articles in both Reader's Digest and Guidepost.

He will again share his story at the Bicentennial Chapel Sept. 18 at 11:30

a.m. as part of the POW-MIA Remembrance Service. Everyone is welcome.

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Sports & Recreation

**College football kicks off new season:
Southern Cal, FSU favored this week**



By Skip Vaughn

It's time again for college football and that means "Skip's Picks."

Each week during the season, I'll be making predictions on who I think will win what games in major college football.

An effort will be made to select the top games each week without dodging the tossups in which the teams

are evenly matched. Tie games will be counted as ties in my record, too.

Bowl games don't count against my percentage at the end of the year. It's just too tough to pick all the bowl game winners; and besides, I'll need a break. So, I'll just be picking the bowl games for fun.

There's plenty of football to be played before January. I'm eager to get

started with my predictions, so let's go...

Here are Skip's Picks for this week:

- Purdue at Southern Cal—USC
- Texas A&M vs. Florida State—FSU



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Tee party...

Winning the 1998 post golf team championship, "just for bragging rights," were, from left, MLRS instructors, SFC Terry Steins, SSgt. Jeff Quinn, SFC William Knapp and IFTE instructor, SSgt. Jay Walton. The team shot for 9-under-par to top 18 teams involved in the one-day tournament. "It helps to stack the team with post champions," Knapp said. Quinn has been individual post golf champion for the last three years and Walton won it in 1995.

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Planning events...

Single soldier group encourages community involvement

A group designed to support quality of life for single soldiers has elected officers for the rest of this year.

Spec. Saffiatu Mansaray is president of Better Opportunity for Single Soldiers (BOSS) Committee. The 20-member organization "supports the chain of command by acknowledging quality of life issues and concerns, and making various recommendations," Mansaray, a member of HHC AMCOM, said in a prepared release.

"BOSS program encourages and assists single soldiers in identifying and planning recreational and leisure activities," she added. "It provides single soldiers the opportunity to participate and contribute within the community."

The other officers include Spec. Robert Bullard, of Headquarters and A Company, vice president; Spec. Franko German, of

HHC AMCOM, treasurer; and Spec. Thasha Boyd, of 95th Maintenance Company, secretary.

"All single soldiers— this includes single parents — and DoD civilians are welcome to join us," Mansaray said. The committee meets bimonthly on the first and third Wednesdays from 2-3 p.m. at the Recreation Center, building 3711. For more information, call Mansaray 876-0931 or Boyd 876-3900.

The group's upcoming events include a car wash Saturday at the Redstone Service Center; car wash/Habitat for Humanity Project, Sept. 12 at Burger King/to be announced; BOSS barbecue, Sept. 26 at Vincent Park; Halloween Party, Oct. 31 to be announced; and Redstone Arsenal Fashion/Talent Show, to be announced.



Photo by Skip Vaughn

COMMITTEE OFFICERS— From left are German, Mansaray and Bullard. Not pictured is Boyd, the secretary.

SITE

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rary headquarters for the arsenal's commander and his staff.

By mid-September 1941, after operating briefly from borrowed space in the Huntsville National Guard Armory and the Huntsville High School gymnasium, the commander and his staff set up headquarters in their new offices.

In 1942, when the arsenal headquarters moved to building 111 on Squirrel Hill off of Goss Road, this section became the installation troop area.

Building 111 served as the main office for the Ordnance Guided Missile Center after Redstone Arsenal took over the chemical plant's land and property in June 1949. It was later used as the Officers Club until being changed into office space in 1985.

Now, more than half a century later, building 111 serves as offices for Family Housing, Fire Inspectors, Household Goods Branch, Inspector General, Staff Judge Advocate, Passports, Tax Assistance, VIP Quarters and Carlson Wagonlit Travel.

Ditto served as commander of Huntsville Arsenal until May 24, 1943 and died Jan. 7, 1947.

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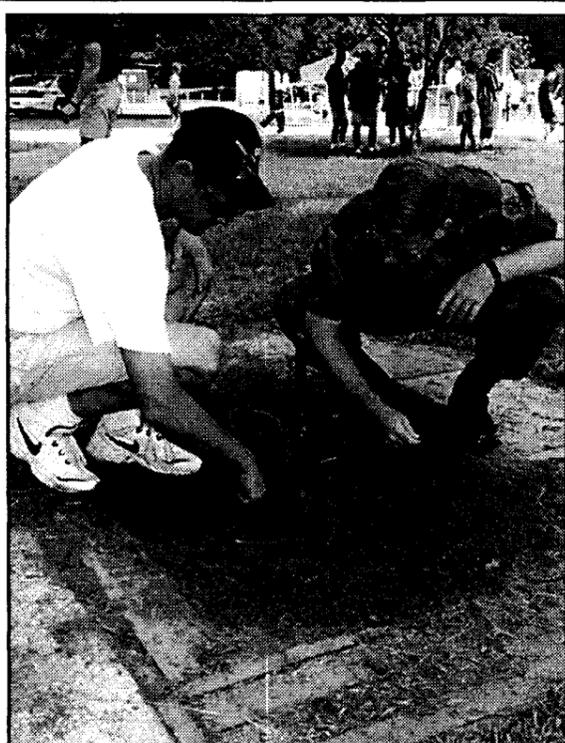


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In the pits...

Sgt. Don Cochran, left and Lt. Col. Richard Davis check the horseshoe pits hoping for a ringer during OMMCS Organizational Day.

CITIZENS

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The week started with a reception dinner the Saturday of their arrival then things kicked into high gear for the rest of the conference. The group had a meeting in the War Room, then off to Tampa, Fla., for briefings at Central Command and Special Operations Command Headquarters. Then it was off to see the Coast Guard in St. Petersburg, Fla., and on to Fort Bragg, N.C., headquarters of the Army 18th Airborne Corps and Army Special Operations Forces.

Visiting the Marines the following day was one of Baker's favorite segments of the tour. The group witnessed a Marine Capabilities Exercise, an all-day demonstration of wartime capabilities on land, at sea and the vertical takeoff and landing of the Harrier.

"I wanted to meet the Marines," Baker said. "The SEALs were great— the Green Berets were great — but the Marines put on a show second to none. They overwhelmed us with the prowess of the Marines."

The group left the Marines at Camp Lejeune, N.C., with a stop at Nellis Air Force Base, Nev., before ending their tour in San Diego with the Navy.

If it sounds like a lot to do in a short time,

that's because it is. The group used military transports throughout their tour. The days began at 5 a.m. and ended around midnight.

"We were on the go from the start," Weston said. "It was hot, terribly hot at times, we were tired but we loved every minute of it. It was the trip of a lifetime."

The conference was designed to keep civilians informed on what the military does and why it's so important. Fewer and fewer members of Congress have personal military experience. During the 1960s, 87 percent of Congress had served in the military, compared with only 30 percent today. Those making the budget and demanding the cuts haven't had the experience for a full understanding of the mission and what it takes.

A goal of the JCOC is that the participants will come away from it educated and in support of the military, ready to share their experience with others, which is certainly the case with Weston and Baker.

"We've had several large gatherings at the college and I've been able to talk about the conference and the military," Baker said. "I'm able to share it in ways that I never dreamed of before, discussing the breadth of possibilities and opportunities in the military."

"You can see the pride on the faces of these young soldiers," Weston said. "They do this



Photo by Sandy Riebeling

Work of art...

Brittney Pooler gets her face painted OMMCS Organizational Day, Aug. 17 at Vincent Park.

because they believe in what this country stands for, they live it. We put our best and brightest out there with so many responsibilities on such a limited, limited budget. Their mission is vital for our way of life. We need to support, encourage and protect our people."

The opportunity to participate in the JCOC is only offered to 60 people a year, who are nominated by major offices, military commands and the Military Departments within the Department of Defense, as well as the U.S. Coast Guard and JCOC alumni. Participants pay a registration fee of \$2,200 plus cover their own transportation costs to and from the conference.

Weston and Baker were nominated by Maj. Gen. Emmitt Gibson, commander of AMCOM and Redstone Arsenal. Huntsville was the only city sending two participants.

Weston and Baker had a meeting with Gibson last week to discuss the conference and give feedback.

"We reported our impressions to the general and he confirmed our concerns and supported in sharing in the needs and strengths of our military," Baker said. "We have a strong and sensitive military. We maintain peace by maintaining our strength."

Announcements

Sports & Recreation

Golf championship

Redstone Golf Course will hold the annual Club Championship over Labor Day weekend, Sept. 5-7. The Men's Championship will be a 54-hole tournament played Saturday, Sunday and Monday. The Women's Championship is a 36-hole event and will be Sunday and Monday. The men's and women's entry fee is \$40 and \$35, respectively. Entry forms may be picked up at the Pro Shop; the entry fee must accompany the entry form upon submission. Deadline for entering either tournament is close of business Aug. 28. Both tournaments are scratch formats and will be flighted by handicap, requiring all participants to have a current U.S. Golf Association handicap—there can be no exceptions.

Polo game

The Huntsville Polo Club will play for the Cavalry Cup on Sept. 13. Game time is 2 p.m. (gates open at 1). The site is Harris Hill Farm at Highway 72 East and Moore's Mill Road. Look for the entrance on the south side of Highway 72, east of the traffic light at Moore's Mill Road. There is no admission charge. This is a family oriented, casual event. For more information, call Fred Lee 880-3364 (home) or Cissie Jones on the Huntsville Polo Club hotline 851-0075.

Strength training

Victor Terrell, a strength trainer at Pagano Gym, is offering a class to ID cardholders on strength training, cardiovascular conditioning, flexibility and weight management. The class is held every Thursday at 9:30

a.m. at Pagano. For more information, call Terrell 864-2638.

Golf tournament

The 1998 HOPE Place Classic will be held Saturday, with an 8 a.m. shotgun start, at Hampton Cove Golf Course. Format is four-man scramble, best ball.

Ten-miler scrapped

Because of budget constraints, Redstone Arsenal will not be sending a team to the annual Army Ten-Miler in Washington, D.C. Skip Vaughn, the coach, expresses his regrets to all those who tried out for this year's team.

Bowling league

The IMMC Mixed Bowling League will have its first meeting this afternoon at 5 at the Redstone bowling center. Bowling begins Sept. 2. Singles interested in joining a league can attend the meeting because openings for male and female bowlers are available.

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 drive

In observance of Hispanic Heritage Month, the Hispanic Employment Program Committees (HEPC) 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.-

1230 p.m., Wally Gonzalez Jr. 842-8264. 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., Alicia Beam 544-2849 or Wally Gonzalez Jr. 842-8264. All employees are encouraged to donate blood.

Miscellaneous

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.

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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.

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.

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.

Officer/civilian women

The Officer and Civilian Women's Club

will have its fall sign-up coffee Sept. 8 from 10 a.m. to noon at the Redstone Arsenal Club. Light refreshments will be served. All active duty and retired officers and their spouses, as well as all active and retired federal employees, grade GS-9 and above, and their spouses are invited to attend. No reservations are necessary. For child care information, call 721-9530. For all other information, call Susan Carr 430-1705.

Retirement ceremony

The quarterly retirement ceremony is scheduled for 4 p.m. Oct. 8 at the quadrangle behind HHC AMCOM (building 3437). Rehearsal will be held at 7 a.m. Oct. 7 at the same location. If you wish to participate in the retirement ceremony call Support Operations, SSgt. Trescott 842-2385 or 876-2819 by Sept. 18.

Logistics award

The 1998 Ernest A. Young Logistics Achievement Award luncheon/ceremony will be held at 11:30 a.m. Sept 10, at the Redstone Arsenal Club. The following individuals have been nominated for this award: Katherine C. Blevins, Logistics Division, THAAD Project Office; Ricky A. Brock, Scout/Attack Product Managers Office, Deputy for Systems Acquisition; George E. Collier, Logistics Division, Javelin Project Office; Lt. Col. William G. Lake, Fixed Wing Product Office, DSA; Dianne B. Landtroop, Missile Logistics Directorate, Acquisition Center; Charles W. Smith, Depot Division, Business Manage-

ment Directorate, IMMC; and James R. Wasson, Business Management Directorate, IMMC. The nominees will be recognized during the ceremony, and Ernest A. Young, former deputy to the commanding general who retired recently, will announce the winner of the 1998 award. Tickets for the event are \$9 each and are available in each directorate office of the IMMC or from the following: Joan Hoge, Virtual/Single IMMC, 842-8280, Everett Brooks., THAAD Project Office, 955-1793; Charlotte Clemons, Javelin Project Office, 876-1932; Diane Couch, Acquisition Center, 842-7224; Lilian Partida/Sheila Blair, Scout/Attack Product Office, DSA, 955-7159/955-7004; and Nelson Martin, Fixed Wing Product Office, DSA, 955-0794. Everyone is welcome. For more information, call Anne Hughes, IMMC, 876-1757.

Acquisition symposium

A "Paperless Acquisition Symposium" will be held 8-noon Thursday in the Sparkman Auditorium. Sponsors include AMCOM, PEO AMD, PEO Aviation, PEO Missile, and SMDC. This will be an open information exchange and discussion on the current status of paperless acquisition as it relates to Team Redstone and the Space and Missile Defense Command. The symposium is open to government, contractors and potential contractors. Registration, to include name, organization and telephone number, may be made via e-mail at registration@redstone.army.mil.

Children's chorus

Now entering its fourth season, the Huntsville Community Children's Chorus is looking for boys and girls who love to sing. Auditions for new members will be held from 4:30-6:30 p.m. Aug. 31 at First Baptist Church on Governors Drive. The children's chorus, sponsored by the Huntsville Community Chorus Association, is open to all students in grades fourth-ninth. Founder and director Anne Chelekis will evaluate students' vocal range, pitch-matching, and vocal independence skills. A prepared solo is not necessary, but auditionees are advised to become familiar with the tune "Are You Sleeping? (Frere Jaques)." All auditions are on a first come, first serve basis. For more information, or if you would prefer an individual audition at another day and time, call 461-6057.

Best yards

Yard of the Month winners for August include Maj. and Mrs. Daniel Hirsch, 33 Ripley Drive, officer; MSgt. and Mrs. Elias Garibgarcia, 363 Crowell Circle, senior NCO; Sgt. and Mrs. David Myers, 1247-B Nike Court, junior enlisted single/duplex. The unit winner was NCO Academy, building 3480. "Thanks to everyone for their dedication and hard work. And lucky planting to everyone," a prepared release said.

Blacks in government

The BIG Scholarship Ball, sponsored by Blacks in Government, will be held 7 p.m. Oct. 3 at the Von Braun Center. Eric Essix is scheduled entertainer. Tickets cost \$25 single, \$45 couple. For information, call Al



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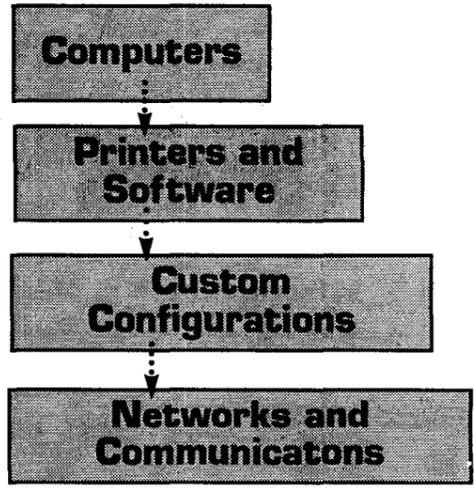
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PX holiday hours

The Post Exchange will operate with the following holiday hours on Labor Day, Sept. 7: Main Store, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Food Court/Anthony's, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Concessions, closed; Mall Barber Shop, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Furniture Store, closed; One-Stop Goss Road, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Service Station, closed; Burger King, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Military Clothing, closed; and Barber Shop, building 3479, closed.

Resource managers

The American Society of Military Comptrollers will hold a luncheon at 11:30 a.m. Sept. 10 at Trinity Personal Growth Center on Airport Road. Scheduled speaker is Nancy Archuleta, CEO of Mevatec. Cost is \$9 for members, \$10 for non-members. For reservations, call Janet Sierma 955-3890.

Bus tours

The Civilian Welfare Fund Council has scheduled a bus trip to Biloxi, Miss., Oct. 9-12. Deposits (\$80) are due by Sept. 1. Cost is \$159 per person based on double occupancy. The CWFC has also scheduled a bus trip to Helen, Ga., Nov. 7-8; cost is \$89 due by Oct. 1. If interested call Mary Ann Meyer-Schuck 313-1698.

Barbie doll club

The Rocket City Barbie Doll Club will hold its September meeting on Aug. 31 at 7 p.m. This change is due to the holiday and this meeting will be held at the Huntsville Public Library. "We will be surfing the net for Barbie," a prepared release said. For more information, call 895-0721.

Missile tests

The Redstone Technical Test Center on Aug. 22 began flight tests of an anti-tank missile that requires an extended safety margin. The extended safety range will result in the closing of parts of Patton and Redstone Roads for about 15 minutes during each test. The tests will be scheduled after normal duty hours and on weekends to avoid traffic disruption. The missiles will carry inert, or non-functioning, war-

heads, and there will be no danger to people off the arsenal. Testing is expected to continue through Sept. 4.

Book fairs

CWFC upcoming Book Fairs include the following: Aug. 26-27 at Sparkman Cafeteria; Sept. 24 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at building 5681, AVRDEC conference room 233; Oct. 21-22 at SMDC in Research Park; Dec. 15 at building 5250; Dec. 16 at building 5400; Dec. 17 at building 4488; and Dec. 1-3 at Sparkman Cafeteria.

Miss. State alumni

Huntsville Chapter, Mississippi State University Alumni Association will hold a dinner meeting Sept. 3 at the Valley Hill Country Club. Social and cash bar starts at 6 p.m., with dinner at 7. Scheduled feature speaker is Mississippi State president Malcolm Portera. Tickets are \$21 prepaid and \$22 at the door for prime rib dinner; or \$17.50 prepaid and \$19 at the door for a chicken marsala dinner. Reservations

must be made by Aug. 31 by calling Rebecca Jones 971-1929, Roy Stewart 880-1823 or Jim Ward 883-9462.

Uniformed services

North Alabama Chapter of the National Association for Uniformed Services will hold its monthly Staff/Focus Team meeting at 6:30 p.m. Friday at Stilwell Hall, building 3305 on Redstone Arsenal. For more information, call 461-9977 or 830-9151.

Success course

Dale Carnegie Training and the University of Alabama-Huntsville Division of Continuing Education, Professional Development present the Dale Carnegie Course for success. The first class is scheduled for 6-9:30 p.m. Sept. 1 at the Beville Center on the UAH campus. For more information call Harry Hydrick, Dale Carnegie Training, 734-2605 or Bob Cothran, UAH professional development, 890-6372.



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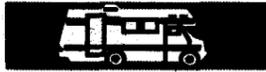
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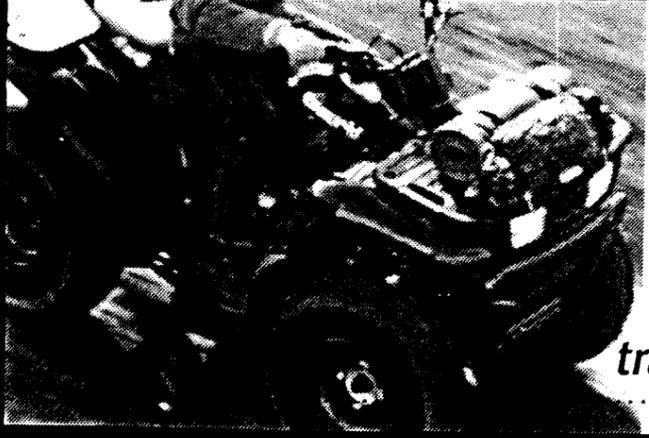
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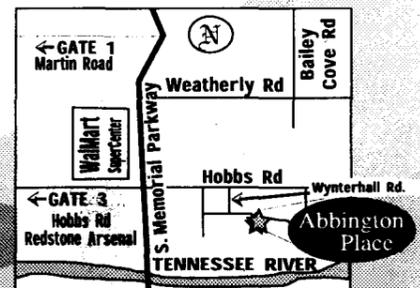
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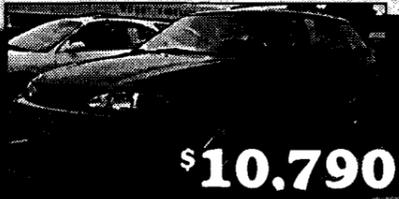


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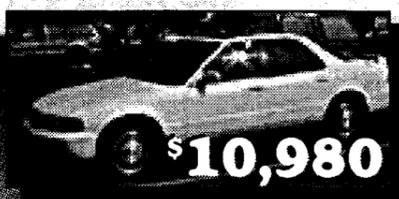


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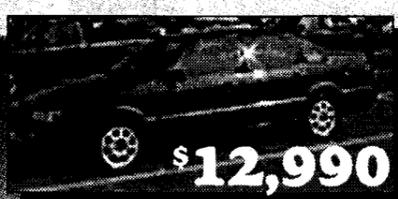
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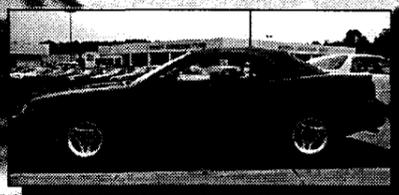
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