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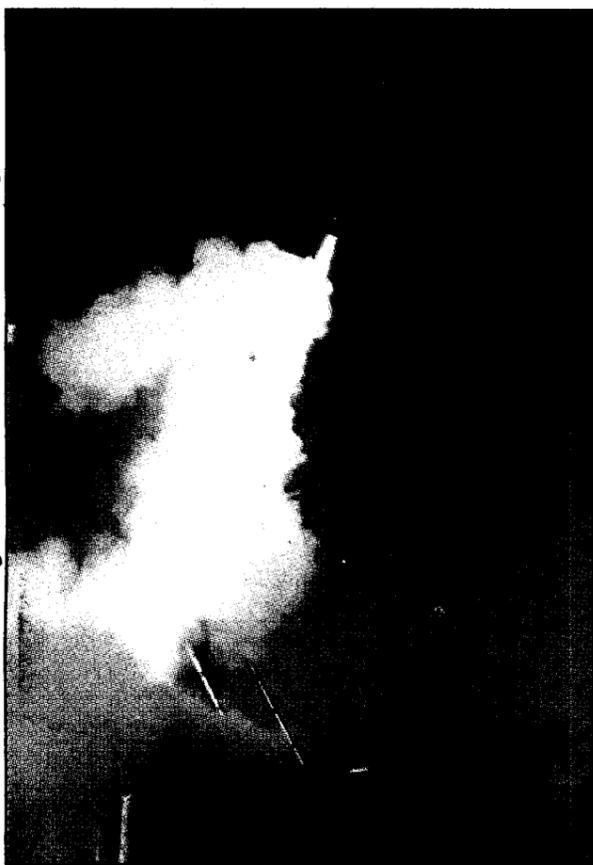
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**UPWARD BOUND—** Still seeking an intercept after five tries, THAAD is aimed at countering the medium-range ballistic missile threat.

By introducing competition, cost sharing and risk reduction...

## THAAD team tries to intercept flight test failures

By Skip Vaughn

Maybe the test schedule was too ambitious, the goals too high for a missile program just getting off the ground.

For whatever reason, the Theater High Altitude Area Defense system has not performed up to expectations so far. After no successful intercepts in five tries, the Army revised the THAAD program by introducing the elements of competition, cost sharing and risk reduction.

"Bottom line is we're working hard at PEO Air and Missile Defense to put THAAD in the field to protect all the young soldiers who'll be sent to protect our way of life," Brig. Gen. Dan Montgomery, the program executive officer for air and missile defense, said.

The missile program has been "plagued with some hardware reliability issues," according to Montgomery. But he sees some progress and lessons learned from the

first eight tests.

In the first flight test—which occurred about 32 months after the contract signing in 1992—the missile flew successfully without a target. The second flight was deemed successful. In flight 3, the missile also performed nominally with a target.

Flight 4 brought the first attempted intercept. Still flying with the range radar the missile went up, acquired its target, started maneuvering to kill the target, but then ran out of fuel. From the development standpoint, this flight was a success "but since we advertised we were going to intercept, it was deemed a failure," Montgomery said.

The fifth flight failed because a lanyard was not installed properly so did not separate cleanly. In flight 6 the missile was launched, acquired the target but failed to intercept when one side of its focal plane blanked out. Flight 7 failed due to external contamination from a shorting plug. Flight 8 failed last May because a high-voltage

wire came in contact with a low-voltage wire in the booster.

"From a program development standpoint, I'd say we've flown eight times and had five successful flights," Montgomery said. "Clearly we've learned something and moved the configuration forward on five of those eight flights and we have a fully functional integrated system."

But he knows the public's perception and the political environment during these times of strained budgets. The need may be clear for a wider range missile defense program such as THAAD, but the pressure is building on Capitol Hill.

"Unfortunately there is as much political pressure on these flights as there is technical pressure," Montgomery said.

With flight test 9 tentatively scheduled for December, the Army has made the following changes to the THAAD program:

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Treating soil contamination...

## Environmental cleanup effort finds new use for old tool

The latest effort to clean up one of Redstone's most contaminated areas is employing an older technology in an innovative manner.

The Army Corps of Engineers, under a Total Environmental Restoration Contract with IT Corporation of Knoxville, is installing a Soil Vapor Extraction (SVE) system to treat soil contamination at a site on southern Redstone Arsenal. The site is a trench previously used to burn items contaminated with propellants and the industrial solvent trichloroethylene (TCE), once commonly used by just about any business that had a need for a powerful degreaser.

Activities at this site resulted in high levels of TCE in the soil and groundwater. Last year a groundwater treatment system went on line to contain and

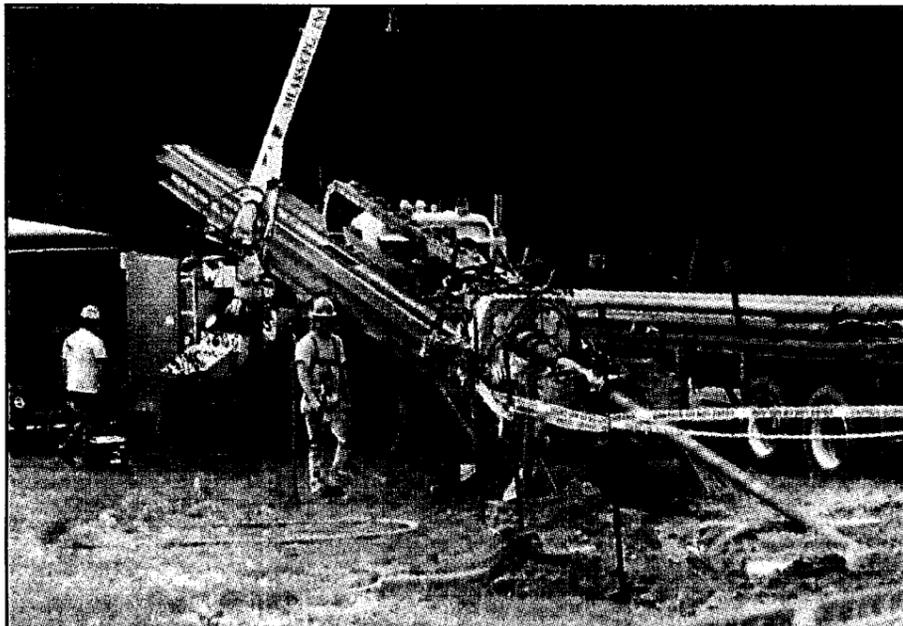


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**HORIZONTAL DRILLING—** Workers with Mears/CPG Inc. operate a horizontal drill rig recently in the Open Burr/Open Detonation area.

treat groundwater containing TCE. The system extracts groundwater from wells and treats it using ultraviolet and hydrogen peroxide technologies. Once treated, the water,

now cleaner than required for drinking water, is released to the Tennessee River.

The soil vapor extraction system will use high-vacuum pumps to pull air

through the soil, removing the TCE and sending it to a carbon treatment system where the solvent leaves the air and binds with the

See TOOL on page 18

## Command leadership rejects personnel demo project

In a memo Friday to Maj. Gen. Emmitt Gibson, Keith Charles, deputy director Army Acquisition Career Management Office, accepted AMCOM's request to not participate in the DoD Civilian Acquisition Workforce Personnel Demonstration Project.

Gibson had sent the command's decision and request not to participate in the personnel project to Charles in a Thursday memo. The request not to participate included AMCOM employees who are covered by and not covered by union bargaining agreements.

"Due to the merger of two former commands in October 1997, the U.S. Army Aviation and Troop Command and the U.S. Army Missile Command, our Labor Management Partnership currently involves two unions," Gibson wrote. "After extensive efforts and much discussion, each of these two unions now has said that they are against the implementation of the Demo Project at AMCOM."

Other events having a bearing on AMCOM's decision included ongoing studies to consider contracting out parts of the command, Reshape initiatives, a possible reduction in force, Quadrennial Defense Review directed personnel cuts, the fiscal cost of adopting a new personnel system, the staffing requirements imposed on our Civilian Personnel Advisory Center, privatization issues, and assuming operational control of two depot facilities.

Also, according to Gibson, AMCOM already has more than 2,500 employees participating in the

See PROJECT on page 13.



## Letters To The Editor

### Blood drives

The Hispanic Employee Program Committee would like to thank all the blood donors who participated in our blood drives co-sponsored by our committee Sept. 10-18. Both drives were a great success. A special "salud" to HEPC members who not only donated blood but donated their time as well for this very special occasion. The HEPC invites everyone to join us throughout Hispanic Heritage Month for other upcoming events:

- Sept. 30— Luncheon, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Redstone Arsenal Club;
- Oct. 8— The film "Hero Street, USA" at 9 a.m. at Sparkman Auditorium;
- Oct. 9— Social from 4-6 p.m. at Just Our Club (JOC), with music, entertainment, dance and drinks throughout the evening.

Gracias!

Hispanic Employee Program Committee

### CFC support

It is that time of year again. The Combined Federal Campaign (CFC) will begin soon for the upcoming fiscal year. The month it begins does not matter. What matters is when someone shouts "go," be ready. "Go" means action; it means now. Start on time together— do your part. The family members of AMCOM with hearts of gold give hope and financial assistance by doing things to still the cries of the disadvantaged and bring comfort to those in need. Together we can bring about the best of all possible worlds.

A remedy is unknown to man, but the earliest hint of light does give hope and promise of things to come. The early morning hours should be filled with activities that

are essential for the crying needs of others. The hapless victims must depend upon our generous donations to meet their needs. It goes without saying in no uncertain terms that the AMCOM team members are a very compassionate group of people. CFC will meet its goal.

The evening brings all the good and beauty of the day into focus. It is time for reflection and celebration, and a time of relaxation. First and foremost it takes all kinds to make a world; and with the milk of human kindness in lending a helping hand that will bring warmth into our lives. If you cannot put your best foot forward and carry through on a commitment, please tell someone who cares, so you will not disappoint others. Remember to make time for the things that bring warmth to others. Also, make time for things that give you warmth as well. The eternal reward knows that our effort has made a better world for the future.

When you come right down to it: The labor of love is a day's work where opportunity knocks for human kindness and compassion is to be shown. The pillar of society—the Redstone Team — reigns supreme in making ends meet. With each day, each week, each month, or year, this endless cycle repeats itself. The members of the team are afforded an opportunity to improvement over what we did yesterday. The time is now — go team!

Jimmy Harbin  
IMMC

### Dog's day

Could you publish this to congratulate Tammy Wingo, an NCCIM contractor with AMCOM CIC? Tammy's pit boxer Babe was selected out of 10,000 entrants as one of the dogs in the 1999 "365 Day Dog Calendar" (Workman, NYC). The calendar is available in Wal-Mart and other fine area bookstores and Babe appears on the page for Dec. 7, 1999.

Name withheld by request

### Oktoberfest

I'm writing in reference to the Oktoberfest, regarding prices and changes that could be made.

While I think a \$6 fee which covers entrance and rides is a reasonable and fair cost, why do those choosing not to ride pay the same price? Can't we have a \$3 entrance fee for those people who can't or choose not to ride? "Rides" are stamped anyway, so it would be easy to identify people who have paid to ride with those who haven't. I understand that the fee is supposed to cover entertainment as well, however the entertainers that I know volunteered their services (they did not get paid).

Also, last year the food and beverage tickets were the same color all weekend; this year if someone bought tickets on one day and didn't use them all, they could not use them the following day. Why? Prices should be monitored and approved by post. Why should a soda cost \$2 from an outside source and \$1 from on-post facilities. Child Development Services always provides great fun and reasonably priced food and beverage, why can't you offer more booths like that? The OCWC (Officer and Civilian Women's Club) also had a booth selling ice cream which was reasonably priced.

My next complaint is that the people working at the game booths were very rude. Children were subjected to costly games ending in disappointment and rude people who obviously were not there to provide fun for our children.

Finally, can you expand the fest out into the parade field? It was definitely too crammed in together, especially on Friday when certain areas were fenced off making it even more difficult to move around.

Hopefully some of these changes will take place for next year.

Name withheld by request

Survivor describes experience...

## World Trade Center bombing delivers safety message

By Skip Vaughn

The elevator just stopped without warning. There was no smoke or anything, not just yet.

Eugene Fasullo and eight others were trapped for the next four and a half hours in an elevator on the 58th floor of the World Trade Center in New York on Feb. 26, 1993. They didn't know at the time that a terrorist bomb placed in the basement had ripped a crater near the columns of the twin towers, killing six people, one of whom was pregnant.

Fasullo's tale of terror, heroism and recovery held the attention of the AMCOM supervisors gathered in Sparkman Auditorium for the command's second annual Safety Aware-

ness Day, Sept. 23. He put a face on the message that the unexpected can and does happen, so few things are more important than safety.

The former chief engineer for Port Authority of New York and New Jersey, Fasullo showed slides of the debris resulting from the terrorist bomb which was planted in a vehicle on a basement parking level.

"It was an attack on our whole form of government, and our sense of freedom," he said.

His office was on the 72nd floor of the building. He was on his way to lunch, with two associates, in an elevator when the bomb went off at 12:18 p.m. The elevator stopped but they didn't hear an explosion. The seven engi-

neers and two lawyers had no idea what had happened. They pushed the emergency button but received only a taped message. And then smoke started filling the elevator. The lights stayed on about 12 minutes before going out. They couldn't get out through the ceiling; they were trapped.

"I shouldn't go through this story, I tell you, because it makes me go back to this whole event," Fasullo said.

Using first a key, they managed to dig a hole through the plaster board. Fresh air started coming in from the other side. They used beepers to put light on their makeshift digging job. Finally, they broke a door off its hinges and started using this as a hatchet to complete the job. They

opened a hole large enough to get through and climbed out to safety.

The other speaker was retired Brig. Gen. Dennis Kerr, who served as the director of Army safety from 1991-96. He gave an update on the Army safety program and protecting the force through risk management.

"Safety is not a task. Safety is a standard and a condition for every task that we have," Kerr said.

Maj. Gen. Emmitt Gibson, commander of the Aviation and Missile Command and Redstone Arsenal, had a final message for the supervisors who filled the 700-seat auditorium. "I hope you'll take what you learned today back to your work force," he said, "and think safety every day of the year."



Photo by Skip Vaughn

**HARROWING TALE—** Fasullo tells the AMCOM supervisors about his experience from the World Trade Center bombing.

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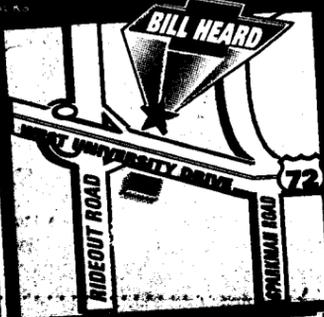
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Annual week arrives...

# Activities aimed at sparking interest in fire prevention

By Sandy Riebeling

Do you know the number to call to report a fire on the Arsenal? According to Redstone Arsenal Fire Chief Thomas Stephens, many people don't know to dial 911 to report a fire.

Next week is national Fire Prevention Week but the Redstone Fire Department is getting a head start at the Post Exchange from noon to 2 p.m. Friday with fire extinguisher demonstrations, fire trucks on display and special appearances by Sparky, and his remote robot pal, Pluggie.

"We'll be giving fire station tours to the little fellows during the week," Stephens said. "We get between 1,500 and 1,800 children from all the schools around Huntsville. They come into the station and we show them the kitchen, TV room, bedroom. We let them watch a 10-minute video and let them see the trucks, but their favorite part is a visit from Sparky and Pluggie."

Included in their visit, the children watch a firefighter put on all of his gear, including the face mask and tanks, to let them hear and see what a firefighter might look like if they were coming into a house to rescue them.

"Kids hide in all kinds of places to get away from fire," Stephens said. "We want them to hear the muffled breathing sounds coming from a fireman whose got a mask on so that they won't be afraid and to shout out and let us know where they are."

Fire safety tips are also reviewed, reminding the children to call 911 for a fire, get out of the house and stay out and to stop, drop and roll if their clothes catch on fire.

These tips are important for adults to remember, too. Fire drills are scheduled for each building at least once a year at the Arsenal to remind people of proper procedures.

"We have buildings fail because people won't leave," Stephens said. "If a building fails, the drill has to be repeated until the

building passes. It's also important for people to remember to assemble at their designated spot outside the building. If there's a fire and your supervisor can't find you, we have to send people into the building to look for you."

The Arsenal has three fire stations: Vincent on the north end, Patton to the south and Rideout in the middle. There are 14 firefighters on duty 24 hours a day, seven days a week. The 911 operation center at the Arsenal received about 2,200 calls last year. That number includes calls for injuries and ambulances but most were fire alarms. Some were false alarms — people who bumped into the fire alarm, cut a wire, set off the system with microwave popcorn. Stephens said there were about 30 fires that exceeded \$500 in damage last year.

Proper procedures to follow when a fire is spotted, no matter how big or small is to first, call 911 and report the fire, secondly, pull the fire alarm and then third, go to your designated place of assembly. Stephens said that if the fire is small and you think you can put it out, call 911, pull the alarm then get an extinguisher to put the fire out.

"People should always report the fire and pull the alarm because if they try to put it out and can't, people are already on their way out of the building and the trucks are already on their way," Stephens said. "Even if you get the fire out, we have to be called and we have to come and check the area to make sure there isn't any hidden dangers. A fire that is close to a wall with an electrical outlet can start a fire in the wall and you won't know it."

Fire Inspector Jim Hughes supplied these tips for fire safety and prevention:

- Install smoke detectors on every level of your home to alert you of a fire and allow time for escape, even if you're sleeping. Test detectors monthly and replace batteries once or year. Replace detectors that are more than 10 years old.
- Plan your escape from fire. Sit down



Photo by Sandy Riebeling

**FIREFIGHTER TRAINING**—Rookies from the Huntsville Fire Department come to the fire pit at Redstone Arsenal to learn fire fighting techniques in a controlled environment. Redstone firefighters also have training exercises here regularly.

- with your family and agree on an escape plan, including a meeting place outside the building.
- Keep an eye on careless smokers. Careless smoking is the leading cause of fire deaths in North America. Always dispose of cigarette butts in proper receptacles. Never smoke in bed or when you are drowsy and always soak butts with water before discarding them.
- Never leave cooking unattended. Keep cooking area clear of combustibles and wear clothes with short or tight-fitting sleeves. If grease catches fire in a pan, slide a lid over the pan to smother the flames.
- Keep portable and space heaters at least 3 feet away from anything that can burn. Never leave heaters on when you leave home or go to bed.
- Buy child-resistant lighters and store all matches and lighters up high, where kids can't see or reach them. Teach children that matches and lighters are not toys and to tell a grownup if they find them.
- Unplug electrical appliances if it smokes or has an unusual smell and have it serviced before using it again. Replace any electrical cord that is cracked or frayed.
- Stay low to the ground, crawling under the smoke if there is a fire. The air is cleaner near the floor.
- If your clothes catch fire, don't run. Stop where you are, drop to the ground, cover your face with your hands and roll over and over to smother the flames.

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# Under evaluation... Digitized Bradley platoon ready to take on opposing force

By Scott Shifrin

An evaluation team from the Army Test and Experimentation Command (TEXCOM) will join forces with soldiers from Fort Hood's 1st Cavalry Division, Detroit's Bradley Weapon System Program Office, and Redstone Arsenal's Improved Bradley Acquisition System (IBAS) Product Office (part of the Close Combat Anti-Armor Weapon System Project Office) this month to conduct the second major evaluation of the new digitized M2A3 Bradley Fighting Vehicle.

While last year's Limited User Test was at Fort Benning, Ga., this month's Operational Experiment (OPEX) is scheduled to run from Sept. 28 through Oct. 16 at Fort Hood, Texas and involve troops from the 1st Battalion, 5th Cavalry Regiment. TEXCOM will gather and record data necessary to support a future production decision on the M2A3. This operational experiment also has Department of Defense oversight because of the program's importance to the Army.

The OPEX will be executed in two phases. Phase one will include platoon level weapons gunnery as

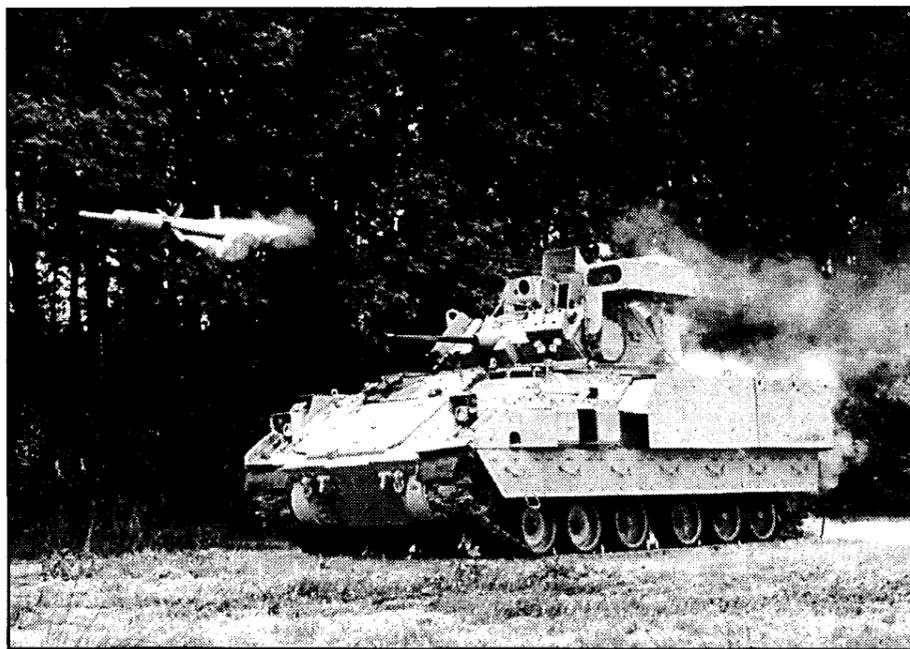
well as Tube-Launched Optically Tracked Wire-Guided (TOW) missile firings. Phase two will be a force-on-force exercise involving a platoon of digitized Bradleys in mock combat against a platoon equipped with the current non-digitized Bradley Fighting Vehicle. In preparation for the experiment, crewmembers received weeks of intensive hands-on and classroom instruction as well as successfully completing Bradley gunnery tables culminating the train-up on Sept. 11 with the platoons firing 18 TOW missiles at ranges from 1,800 to 2,800 meters, each receiving a direct hit.

"We are now ready to take on the other platoon and win," SSgt. Greg Dorsey, a Bradley vehicle commander, said.

The new Bradley includes a completely digitized command, control, and communications system that improves operational awareness and gives crewmembers increased survivability on the battlefield. The M2A3 is equipped with two second-generation Forward Looking Infrared (FLIR) systems for both the gunner and Bradley vehicle commander and a Day TV camera that, when combined,

improves target detection, identification, and tracking in order to defeat advanced armored and helicopter threats. The current version of the Bradley has only one "first generation" sight. The M2A3 provides a day/night capability to acquire, identify and automatically track two targets and engage one of these two targets from any aspect with the TOW family of missiles while stationary, and support firing of the 25mm gun while stationary or moving.

IBAS, the advanced sensor, consists of three major subassemblies— a Target Acquisition Subsystem (TAS), a Missile Control Subsystem (MCS), and a TOW Missile Launcher (TML). Other additional features include an internal autobore sight, an eyesafe laser rangefinder (ELRF), and a Built in Test Equipment diagnostic system that eliminates specialized tools



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**TEST FIRING— A Bradley launches a TOW missile Sept. 11 at Fort Hood. Platoons fired 18 missiles at ranges from 1,800 to 2,800 meters, each receiving a direct hit.**

and test equipment.

TEXCOM in coordination with the material developers (PM-Bradley/PM-IBAS) will join together again in the summer of 1999, when the Initial Operational Test and Evaluation (IOT&E) on the M2A3 will take place. IOT&E will increase in complexity and size as it will be supported by a company of digitized Low-Rate Initial Production (LRIP)

Bradleys with an attached Platoon of M1A2 Main Battle Tanks pitted against a company of M2A2's and a platoon of M1A2's. The M2A3 Bradley is the companion of the digitized M1A2 Abrams.

"During train-up I have observed the new Bradley vehicle to have a huge advantage over the traditional system, especially at longer ranges," SFC Chuck Johnson, the platoon

sergeant, said. "The platoon is motivated and we are ready for the task."

The first unit is to be equipped with the new Bradley in July 2000. The total number of IBAS/Bradley A3's to be produced is over 1,100 systems.

(Editor's note: Maj. Shifrin is assistant product manager for IBAS in the Close Combat Anti-Armor Weapon System Project Office.)

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When tragedy strikes...

# Hospice Caring House shelters the bereaved in their darkest hour

By Margaret Banish-Donaldson

A family of three traveling south on Interstate 65 to Birmingham is involved in a terrible car accident. All three are sent to different hospitals and the mother dies. The father and 4-year-old boy survive.

When a family member or close friend dies, the death affects the way the entire family functions. It is a frightening disruption in children's lives.

Many in our community are touched each year by grief associated with various types of losses. The Caring House, a Hospice Family Care facility for children's bereavement, provides a safe place for children and their families to cope with the death and share their grief with others.

The hospice team consists of a coordinator, social workers, and a crew of seven to eight adult volunteer facilitators. Age appropriate support groups give the children opportunities for sharing and listening, experiencing feelings, creative play, and understanding the normalcy of their experience. The children are divided into three age groups: 3 to 6 years old, 7-12 and 13-16.

One volunteer at the Caring House from Redstone Arsenal is Pete Stromquist. He is a senior technician from Nichols Research Corp., working in the Missile RDEC rapid force projection initiative program office.

Stromquist and his wife, Carolyn, participated in a class about two years ago on death and dying and life and living taught by Carolyn R. Loshuertos, Hospice care coordinator. They decided they wanted to get involved. Both volunteer one evening a week. Stromquist volunteers in Huntsville with the children's Caring House and Carolyn volunteers at the Limestone Hospital in Athens.

"I'm known as 'Grandpa Pete' to my



Photo by Margaret Banish-Donaldson

**HOSPICE VOLUNTEERS—** From left Stromquist, Bodden and Cobell find hospice care (programs for people who are dying and their caregivers) for adults and children a big help. Hospice ser

vices can help caregivers, family, and other loved ones, as well as help the dying person deal with the concerns and fears that may come near the end of their life.

children because of my good story telling," Stromquist said. "But, I also provide psychological and spiritual support to help these children cope with the death of their parents or close friends."

Being close to a family member who is fighting cancer is painful. A hospice is a service that provides nursing care, medical equipment, drugs, physical and psychological therapy and social services to patients in the final months of their lives.

In Huntsville, a family of five is coping with a terminally ill relative. A wife was diagnosed with colon cancer three years ago. She has received 80 radiation and chemotherapy treatments and has undergone four operations. Now she's been told she has six months to live.

Any resident of Madison County who faces a life-threatening illness and is no longer seeking curative treatment can use Hospice Family Care. Their families, friends, physicians, home health agencies and nursing homes usually refer patients. Hospice is a philosophy of care that provides loving support for people in the final

phases of a life-threatening condition. Hospice focuses on care rather than cure.

The hospice program also provides more than nurses. Others involved might include doctors, chaplains, home health aides who do bathing and personal care, physical, occupational and speech therapists, dietitians, social workers and volunteers.

Don Cobell, a readiness analyst in the Integrated Materiel Management Center, also is a hospice volunteer. Cobell decided five years ago that he wanted to become a volunteer to visit with patients.

He helps with meals, runs errands and provides a break for the caregivers.

Although hospice can be provided in a nursing home, "our emphasis is on home care," Cobell said. "Most patients would rather be home and that is the wish of the members of their families.

"It is where they have lived," he said.

"Patients hopefully can tolerate pain and suffering better when they know that we are there to assist them in the dying process," said Bill Bodden, an operations research analyst with the Command Analy-

sis Directorate. Bodden has been a hospice volunteer for three years.

"They are so relieved," Bodden said. "Sometimes you feed them. Sometimes you just sit there and hold their hand. You are, in essence, there to listen. You let them take the lead, and you just follow."

Volunteers help by staying with the patients in their homes. This allows other family members to get away for a little while to shop or have lunch with a friend.

"Even if you don't spend a lot of time with a patient, he or she

becomes a special friend," Bodden said. "You pray for them and you do what you can. It is a real privilege to be part of their final earthly journey as they pass from this life to eternal life.

"I'm not afraid of death. Nobody should be. The important thing is to celebrate life while we have got it and not treat death like it's some kind of a top-secret thing. But when it happens to someone you love, don't be afraid to let those tears go."

Perhaps the most important service Stromquist and his fellow volunteers provide is to act as a new set of ears for the dying as the patient tells stories about his or her life.

"It gives Carolyn and me great comfort to help others learn to cope with death or die with dignity," Stromquist said. "We stress living fully to the end."

Hospice holds classes on an as-needed basis to train new volunteers. The training helps volunteers better understand how to deal with terminally ill patients. They learn, for example, that chemotherapy sometimes makes food taste bad.

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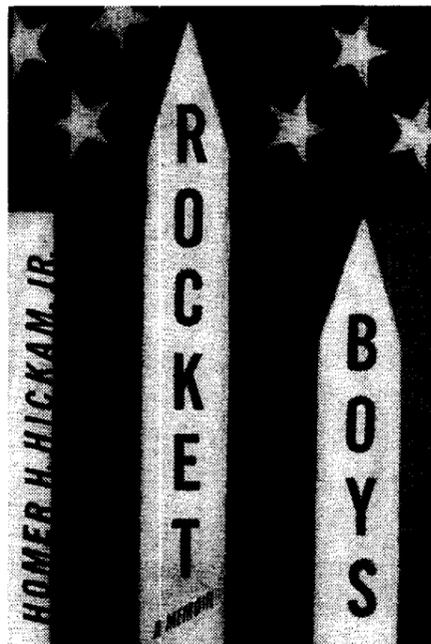
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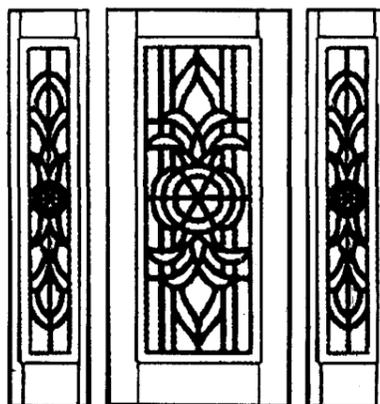
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Caring is sharing...

## Health screenings set at CFC fund-raising kickoff

By Sandy Riebeling

The Red Cross will offer blood pressure screenings at the Sparkman Auditorium beginning at 9 a.m. Oct. 5 as part of the Combined Federal Campaign kickoff.

The CFC kickoff ceremony begins at 11 a.m. Included will be an awards presentation to the three people who submitted the same winning slogan "Caring is Sharing" for the 1998 CFC, guest speakers Nanine Bilski from the America the Beautiful Fund and Terry Morris, who brings his own personal story of triumph over tragedy.

Local organizations that benefit from the contributions made by federal employees through the CFC will have tables set up with representatives available to answer questions.

On display outside the auditorium will be the Red Cross Emergency Relief Vehicle and the Salvation Army's Soup Kitchen. Sickie Cell screenings will also be available.

This year's CFC goal for the Tennessee Valley is \$1,462,000, which is slightly higher than the amount collected last year.

Competitions throughout AMCOM are expected to help bring in those much needed donations. Last year was the first year for the Kiss a Pig contest which has returned with more departments competing this year. The Logistics Support Activity and the Corporate Information Center are also in competition to see which male boss will wear a dress for a day.

The CFC allows all federal employees to contribute to a charity of their choice by giving a one-time cash gift or through payroll deduction. Contractors on federal property are also allowed to make a one-time donation to the CFC.

Leaving with 26 years service...

## Local community salutes retiring top enlisted soldier

By Skip Vaughn

Even a soldier's soldier finds it's time to retire some day.

Some 200 well-wishers gathered inside the Redstone Arsenal Club on Sept. 22 to bid farewell to CSM Ben Sunday and his wife, Karen. Sunday is retiring from the Army with more than 26 years service.

The sign over the club's entrance said it all: "A Soldiers' Soldier, CSM Ben Sunday. We Salute You."

Sunday, 44, entered the Army in June 1972 as an ammunition operations specialist. Assignments took the Florida native throughout the United States, including several tours at Redstone, and to

Germany and Turkey.

"We're all glad and honored that both of you will remain in our community," Maj. Gen. Emmitt Gibson, commander of AMCOM and Redstone Arsenal, told the Sundeys.

The couple has two sons, Sean and Kyle. Like her husband, Karen was involved in community work. She was among Redstone's "Volunteers of the Year" last April for her service to youth.

During the luncheon, Sunday received various mementos from soldiers and other members of the community. He will be among the honorees at the quarterly retirement ceremony at 4 p.m. Oct. 8 at the quadrangle



Photo by Skip Vaughn

**BEST WISHES—** Sunday, right, is congratulated after his farewell luncheon in the Redstone Arsenal Club behind HHC AMCOM assignments, a good career. I've enjoyed it immensely," Sunday said.

## Huntsville Spring Branch bridge gets weight limit

By Margaret Banish-Donaldson

The two-lane bridge across Huntsville Spring Branch, just east of the Martin Road gate, will be closed to traffic weighing more than 8-tons.

A recent inspection of the 35-year-old bridge revealed several of the steel piles supporting it are deteriorating due to corrosion.

Weight restriction signs were posted Sept. 28 on Martin Road. These restriction signs were placed on either

side of the bridge along with advance warning signs located at the Martin and Patton Road intersection as well as the Martin and Memorial Parkway intersection. The temporary signs will remain in place until permanent repair work is completed.

"Obviously, our primary concern is ensuring the safety of the traveling public utilizing the Martin Road entrance at Gate 1," Rick Lusk, chief of the engineering division at Directorate of Public Works, said. "After a

structural analysis of the deteriorated piles, my staff determined the bridge could safely support a vehicle weighing no more than 8 tons. This will allow the bridge to remain open to privately owned vehicles, small pickup trucks and small commercial delivery vehicles.

"The DPW is currently expediting a repair project for the bridge," he said. "If all goes well, repairs should be completed within the next nine months to a year."

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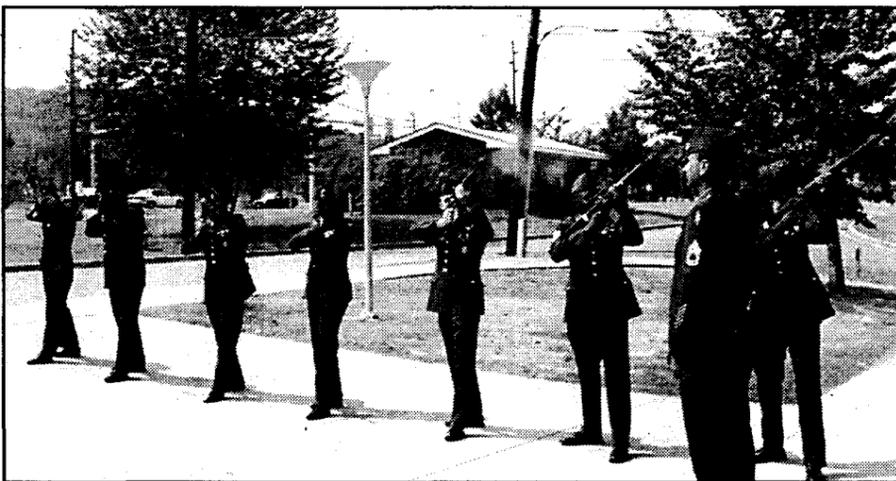
# Family, friends of POW/MIAs gather to remember

By Sandy Riebeling

As young and old, servicemembers and civilians, entered the quietness of the Bicentennial Chapel, all eyes were drawn to the front of the church where a small table stood. It was covered with a white linen cloth, upon which fine china for four had been set. Inverted crystal goblets graced the elegant table, as a single red rose served as the only decoration. At each setting, a tapered candle, and on each bread plate, a slice of lemon and a sprinkling of salt. The chairs were empty, awaiting the return of loved ones still listed as prisoners-of-war or missing-in-action.

The POW/MIA Remembrance Ceremony on Sept. 18 was one of many held around the nation to honor and remember the more than 2,000 servicemembers who have yet to return home.

The Ordnance Missile and Munitions Center and School, 59th Ordnance Brigade sponsored the ceremony to pay tribute to POWs and MIAs and to



Mary Petty/Photo lab

**21 GUN SALUTE**— Outside the Bicentennial Chapel, during the POW/MIA Remembrance Ceremony, three volleys sounded in honor of those still missing.

honor family members who've made such a great sacrifice, said Maj. Dan Payne, chaplain at OMMCS.

"We remember the faces and names of those missing-in-action who have endured challenges unimaginable," he said. "Remember as we wait faithfully for their return. They were fathers and brothers and sons. Their families remember and they want us to remember. We, Americans, unite now to never forget comrades who never returned from hostile fire."

After the Butler High School Acappella Choir performed the National Anthem, Payne began the ceremony by explaining the symbolism of the table. As he spoke, one servicemember from the Army, Navy, Air Force and Marine, slowly and quietly walked the center isle and stood behind a chair at the table.

"This table is set for four, symbolizing one prisoner of war from each of our armed services," Payne said. "This table is small, symbolizing the frailty of each prisoner, alone,

against their oppressors... The tablecloth is white, symbolizing the purity of their intentions to their country's call to arms... The single rose displayed in a vase, reminds us of the families and loved ones of our comrades-in-arms, who keep the faith, awaiting their return... The red ribbon, tied so prominently on the vase is reminiscent of the red ribbon worn on the breast of thousands who bear witness to their unyielding determination to demand a proper accounting of our missing...



Photo by Sandy Riebeling

**LIGHTING THE WAY**— In preparation for the remembrance ceremony representatives of the Army, Navy, Air Force and Marines lit candles in honor of their missing comrades and in the hopes that they will all return home someday.

"The slice of lemon is on each bread plate to remind us of their bitter fate... There is salt upon each bread plate, symbolic of the family's tears as they wait... The glasses are inverted, they cannot toast with us today— but to symbolize their presence with us in spirit, we will position the glasses upright... The chairs, are empty, they are not here..."

The servicemembers at the table placed their hats in the empty seats and as Payne read the name of one person from each service still listed as POW/MIA, they lit a candle on his behalf.

Guest speaker Ben Purcell, retired Army colonel came to the podium, obviously touched by the ceremony.

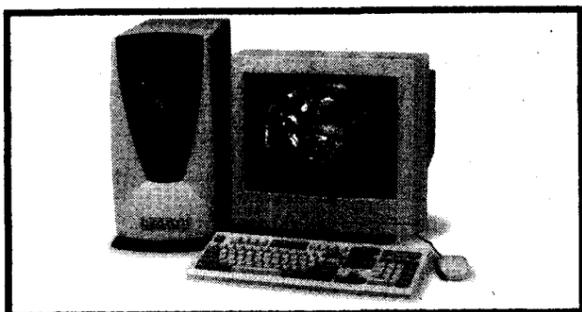
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# AMC-wide Soldier of Year represents Redstone

By Skip Vaughn

The setting was intimate for a young soldier: a competition board of sergeants major asking military questions at higher headquarters.

AMCOM's representative, Spec. Thasha Boyd, had studied hard for this Army Materiel Command "Soldier of the Year" competition. She was among seven competitors from the various subordinate commands.

And she won. Boyd was named AMC's Soldier of the Year for 1998.

"I was surprised," Boyd, a member of 95th Maintenance Company, said of winning the award. "My supervisors and my command helped me prepare very well."

She said she was nervous but continued this command's tradition of winning these competitions. Last year's winner, then-Spec. Joshua Marnier, also represented the com-

mand. He is now a sergeant at Fort Drum, N.Y.

"You always study very hard, but you always worry about missing one point. I mean one point, it could be death," Boyd said laughing.

The competition was held Sept. 18 in Alexandria, Va. Boyd, an administrative clerk in the 95th's personnel administration center, had earned the right to represent AMCOM by first competing in her unit and then commandwide. She was Post Soldier of the Month in June 1997 and January 1998.

"It made me feel proud that I actually achieved one more thing, because I worked hard toward it," Boyd said. "I feel more confident there are things I can do. It made me more confident about myself."

Boyd, 22, was born in San Francisco but moved with her family to the Republic of Panama when she was 8. She joined the Army two years ago and



Photo by Skip Vaughn

**BACK TO BUSINESS**— Boyd, right, talks with her supervisor, Sgt. Gemma Simmons.

has been stationed here since February 1997. Her husband, Eric Santos, drives an 18-wheeler.

She is working toward an associate degree in accounting from Calhoun Community College. Boyd, who has orders to leave for the Netherlands in February

1999, plans to go before a promotion board in November. "And then we'll see if I make noncommissioned officer before I leave," she said.

"I hope when I become an NCO, I can help others," Boyd said, "because I got a lot of help myself."

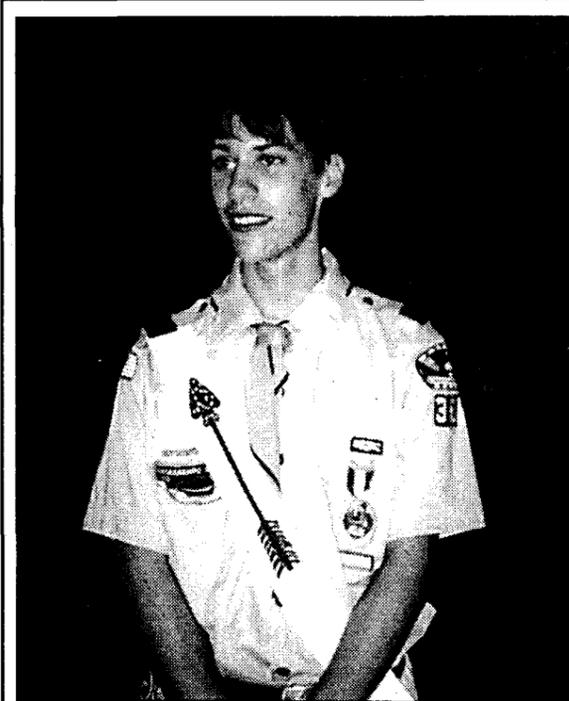


Photo by Alma Huston

## Eagle Scout...

Justin Huston, 17, son of retired Col. Robert and Alma Huston, was awarded Scouting's highest rank Sept. 11. A member of Troop 308 at Redstone, Justin's Eagle project involved construction of Thrift Shop shelving. He earned a total of 32 merit badges. Justin is a senior at Westminster Christian Academy who plans to study pre-law at Washington and Lee University.

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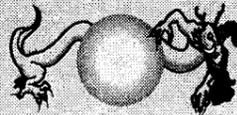
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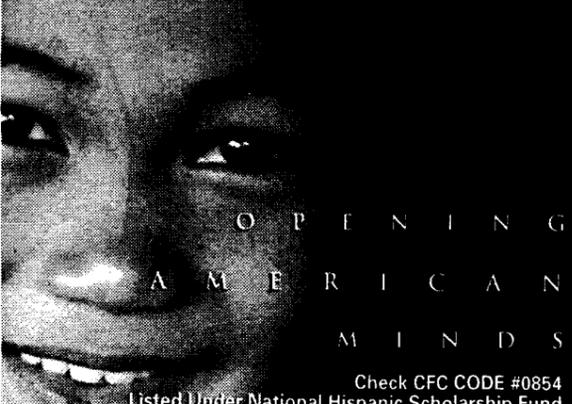
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# Liaison moves into new job at new post with new rank

By Sandy Riebeling

The arrival of Maj. Forrest Hendrick, the Aviation and Missile Command's new Army National Guard aviation adviser, couldn't have been better—for AMCOM, at least.

Directors from the ARNG Bureau and AMCOM came to the decision to create the aviation adviser position as a way to support both organizations' interests, which commonly overlap. The ARNG owns nearly 50 percent of the aviation force structure—aviation units and utility, cargo and attack helicopters. The advisory role for the Army National Guard Bureau here is to advise AMCOM on the ARNG programs, concepts and initiatives.

With AMCOM assigned to assume management of its Corpus Christi and Letterkenny depots on Oct. 1, Hendrick's skills and experience as an aviation logistics officer is an added bonus. Among his duties, he will help to coordinate the smooth transfer of the depots managerial control.

"I'm the Mobilization, Operations and Readiness team chief for the depot transition team," Hendrick said. "We're taking the duties of the Industrial Operations Command, as it relates to the depots, and transferring them to

AMCOM. One of the team leader's jobs is to help affect the transition of those duties—management, and administration. Inside of that, there are Army National Guard issues."

Besides the undertaking of the depots, which Hendrick says will take the better part of the next year, he has joined the Integrated Materiel Management Center because the AMCOM and the ARNG units face similar resourcing challenges in order to support its valuable investment. It is critical to have an adviser experienced in ARNG logistics involved in AMCOM's day-to-day business and to help the interface and development of acquisition and logistics programs from the ARNG perspective.

Most people understand the Army National Guard to be a state reserve component, training one weekend a month and two weeks a year, in preparation for domestic disturbances or natural disasters. Hendrick, soon to be a lieutenant colonel, is one of about 2,000 full-time, title 10, active-duty officers working on the federal level with the National Guard Bureau.

"I want people to know that I'm here and available if there's a problem," he said.

Hendrick comes to Redstone with 16 years of ser-

vice in Army aviation, and most recently from Department of the Army headquarters where he served as an aviation logistics officer working primarily on Army National Guard aviation logistic issues.

The Florida native said he welcomes the chance to get a little closer to home. The North Alabama environment also provides him the opportunity to enjoy hunting, fishing and the possibility of improving his golf game.

His wife, Brenda, and their 11-year-old daughter, Shannon, have adjusted well to the move.



Photo by Sandy Riebeling

**LEARNING THE JOB—** Hendrick, left, with Dirk Sibert, staff plans officer, has spent much of his first two months at Redstone acquainting himself with the people, procedures and responsibilities surrounding his newly created position as aviation adviser to AMCOM in the Readiness Directorate.

## PROJECT

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Laboratory Personnel Demonstration Project.

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Picking the pros...

# Green Bay's Pack is back for another Super Bowl run in '98

*(Editor's note: This is the final part of Tommy Harris' two-part series on the National Football League season. Last week he shared his predictions on the American Football Conference teams; this week he predicts the NFC.)*

By Tommy Harris

**NFC WEST predictions**

1) **SAN FRANCISCO 49ers**— This may be the last chance for the 49ers to win it with QB Steve Young and WR Jerry Rice. Rice is fully recovered from a serious knee injury suffered last season. Rice has lost a step or two, but still remains one of the elite wideouts in the game and perhaps, the best WR ever. Young must stay healthy and concussion free. Young has good foot speed and can still beat teams with the "naked-bootleg." However, it is in his best interest to keep from getting hit as much as possible. WR J.J. Stokes and WR Terrell Owens both played well last season in Rice's absence. Last season, the running game was led by RB Garrison Hearst who rushed for more than

100 yards in 10 of the 13 games in which he played. The 49ers will need at least a repeat of this from Hearst to take the pressure off of Young. There is no doubt that this team will go to the playoffs, but they seem to have just one missing piece that could keep them from the Super Bowl.

2) **CAROLINA PANTHERS**— The Panthers defense last season seemed to be void of that attack-style pressure that was present the previous few seasons. In the offseason, the Panthers addressed this problem in a big way by drafting DT Jason Peter, trading for DT Sean Gilbert, and signing free agents DE Kevin Greene, OLB Greg Lloyd, and CB Doug Evans. The Panthers gave up two No. 1 draft picks in a trade for Gilbert, who sat out the entire '97 season. Gilbert carries great expectations of dominance along the line. With additions of Greene and Lloyd at linebacker, the Panthers have the strongest linebacking corp in the NFL. They are joined by MLB Michael Barrow, MLB Jeff Brady, and OLB Lamar Lathon. These guys

are very physical and intense. The Panthers lost a couple of defensive backs to free agency, but the signing of Evans and S Brent Alexander should help shore up that unit. QB Kerry Collins took the heat for the disappointing season Carolina had last year. Early in the year, Collins got his jaw broken and may have become a little shell-shocked. His performance was definitely affected. The offensive line, anchored by T Blake Brockermeyer, needs a strong, penalty-free season if the Panthers are going to the next level. This team is on the border of wildcard potential and a .500 season. Collins needs to establish himself as the leader or this team goes nowhere.

3) **ATLANTA FALCONS**— What team was second in the NFL in team sacks last season? Believe it or not, the Falcons! Their defense is much better than people think. DE Chuck Smith led the Falcons with 12 sacks, followed by DT Travis Hall with 10.5, DE Lester Archambeau with

8.5, and OLB Cornelius Bennett with 7 sacks. The defensive front's ability to sack the quarterback had a lot of help from the quality coverage provided by the secondary. Head coach Dan Reeves knows that for this team to win games, QB Chris Chandler must stay healthy. What scares Reeves the most is the offensive line. Although the Falcons offensive line coach is Hall-of-Famer Art Shell, Shell cannot suit up to protect Chandler's blind-side. That job belongs to LT Bob Whitfield. The offensive line will need quality production every game for the Falcons to have a chance. It all comes back to the cliché: "Games are won in the trenches." This holds very true for the Falcons to be successful. They still seem to lack a player on both sides of the ball to move up the ladder.

4) **NEW ORLEANS SAINTS**— I feel that when Mike Ditka has a massive heart attack, it will happen in New Orleans. He should have known, prior to taking

over as head coach, things would not be easy. Last season, the Saint had perhaps, the worst offense in the NFL. They led the NFL in both turnovers (55) and interceptions (33), and in addition, allowed 51 sacks. QB Billy Joe Hobert, cut by Buffalo, beat out both Heath Shuler and Danny Wuerffel for the starting quarterback spot. Don't expect Hobert to go to any Pro Bowls. The burden will be placed on Hobert to put up productive numbers. Unfortunately, the Saints simply do not have the talent to go .500.

5) **ST. LOUIS RAMS**— Here is another team with an unproven quarterback. QB Tony Banks is very inconsistent. Last season, Banks completed less than 52 percent of his passes and had almost as many interceptions as touchdown passes. Head coach Dick Vermeil hired quarterback coach Mike White to work with Banks throughout the offseason. Banks should be

improved. As insurance, the Rams traded for backup QB Steve Bono. The Rams need another couple of No. 1 overall picks and consistent play out of Banks before this team can even think about playoffs.

**NFC CENTRAL predictions**

1) **GREEN BAY PACKERS**— If you were to ask me who I think is the best player in the NFL, hands down, my choice would be QB Brett Favre. Favre is tough, intense, and most important— a winner! Although the Pack fell short to Denver in Super Bowl XXXII, I believe Green Bay still had a better team. Favre leads the Packers with an excellent corp of receivers in WR Antonio Freeman, WR Robert Brooks, and TE Mark Chmura. RB Dorsey Levens, who sat out most of the preseason with a contract dispute, is back and provides a solid rushing attack. Levens is also dangerous

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## Sports & Recreation

# Florida Gators picked over Crimson Tide on Saturday

By Skip Vaughn

My college football predictions went 99-26 over four weeks. Here are Skip's Picks for selected games this week:

- Florida at Alabama— Fla.
- Kentucky at Arkansas— Ky.
- Tennessee at Auburn— Tenn.
- Georgia at LSU— Georgia
- South Carolina at Ole

- Miss— Ole Miss
- TCU at Vanderbilt— Vanderbilt
- Ala. A&M at Tenn. State— A&M
- North Ala. at Ark.-Monticello— UNA
- Stephen F. Austin at Jacksonville St.— Austin
- Syracuse at N.C. State— Syracuse
- Arizona State at USC— USC
- Stanford at Notre Dame— ND
- Wash. State at UCLA—

- UCLA
- West Virginia at Navy— W. Va.
- Army at East Carolina— E. Carolina
- Penn State at Ohio State— OSU



## Foster, Young capture post golf championships

Redstone worker Jodie Foster and military retiree Bill Young are this year's Redstone Arsenal club golf champs.

Foster won the Women's Club Championship while Young took the men's title over the Labor Day weekend at the post golf course. Seventy-eight golfers competed for pro shop gift certificates.

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- MEN: Championship

- Flight— "A" Division, Bill Young 237 (won playoff), Les Kahalikai 237 and Bennie Gardner 241; "B" Division, Scott Tillery 245, David Thompson 248 and Brian Walker 253. First Flight— "A" Division, Bill Clark 240, Jay Walton 241 (won playoff) and J.P. Mullen 241; "B" Division, Gerry Whitsell 258, Joe Myers 260 and Bob Woods 262. Second Flight— "A" Division, Tom Plate 241, Leo Pelletier 243 and Vern Beer 249; "B" Division, Bob White 262 (won playoff), Jerry Belt 262 and Ted Campbell 263. Third Flight— "A" Division, Vic Vergera 252, Marvin Carroll 272 and Jim Oaks 273; "B" Division, John Jordan 274, Lloyd Jordan 275 and Fred Tillman 285.

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# BOWL

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out of the backfield where he caught more than 50 passes last year. Levens combines run-and-catch skills as good as anyone in the league. For added insurance, the Packers signed RB Raymont Harris, who is somewhat similar to Levens. The offensive line is not the biggest, but if they can continue to protect Favre, they again will help this team advance to next level. Critics claimed that DE Reggie White was washed up and DT Gilbert Brown was too fat and out of shape. Well, White may be at the end of his career, but he should be productive for one more season. Besides, he brings the spiritual leadership that's hard to come by these days. As for Brown, if he can control his weight and stay in shape, he should help in forming the strongest defensive line in the league. The Packers traded up in the draft to select big DE Vonnie Holliday. Holliday brings young, fresh blood to the defensive line and most importantly, his motor runs at full throttle all of the time. Last, but not least, is DT Santana Dotson. He may be the key to this defense. He led all of the Packer linemen in tackles and provides good interior pressure. The linebackers are solid and provide excellent run support. In the off-season, the Packers lost CB

Doug Evans and S Eugene Robinson to free agency. However, CB Craig Newsome returns from last season's injury. S LeRoy Butler is still solid. The secondary is the only weakness. If the Packers are in shape and don't get fatigued in the playoffs, there is no reason that they can't go back to the Super Bowl and redeem themselves.

2) MINNESOTA VIKINGS — During this year's NFL draft, I watched as teams continued to bypass on selecting WR Randy Moss. Indeed, Moss had several off the field problems, but he was one of the top five players coming out and certainly the best wide receiver in the draft. Minnesota wasted no time in selected Moss to help form, what is now, the best WR corps in the NFL. The other WRs are surehanded Cris Carter and Jake Reed. In the off-season, Carter took Moss under this wing and worked with him every day. Moss should have an immediate impact. Throwing to them will be QB Brad Johnson. Johnson is back healthy after missing the final three games with a herniated disk in his neck. If Johnson gets hurt, QB Randall Cunningham will be ready to take over. Cunningham is still dangerous because of his ability to effectively run the ball. Handling the rushing load will be RB Robert Smith. Smith has been injury prone, but when healthy, he is extremely fast and he can make the catch

out of the backfield. The Vikings have what it takes offensively to make the playoffs. What they lack defensively will prevent them from advancing.

3) TAMPA BAY BUCCANEERS— Head coach Tony Dungy has done wonders with this team since taking over a couple of years ago. One word comes to mind with the Buccaneers— SPEED! Speed on both sides of the ball. Dungy is a defensive minded coach who makes good adjustments. The leader of the defense has to be veteran MLB Hardy Nickerson. Nickerson is hard, intense, relentless, and consistent. Help at linebacker comes from speedster OLB Derrick Brooks. This swarming defense is physical and features a solid defense line in DT Warren Sapp, DT Brad Culpepper, and underrated DE Chili Ahanotu who registered 10 sacks last season. Anchoring the secondary is SS John Lynch. Tampa Bay will rarely give up a whole lot of points. Dungy's defense scheme maximizes their talent. Offensively, QB Trent Dilfer is surrounded by blazing speed. This team should make it as a wildcard team. However, I don't think Dilfer has shown the leadership to carry this team to the next level.

4) DETROIT LIONS— If I had to pick the most overrated QB in the NFL, my selection would be Scott Mitchell. Mitchell has two of the top offensive players in the NFL to provide support in RB Barry Sanders and WR Herman Moore. Yet Mitchell chokes at the drop of a dime. If the offensive line does its job, Sanders is automatic for 1,500-plus yards. Last season, Sanders rushed for over 2,000 yards. The offensive line must open up holes for Sanders if this team plans to compete. Otherwise, teams will stuff the run and force Mitchell to win throwing—which doesn't happen often.

5) CHICAGO BEARS— This team has definitely lost its rhythm since doing the Super Bowl shuffle back in the days of Ditka, McMahon, and the Fridge. Last season, the Bears finished with a horrid 4-12 record. Things do not look much better for this year. Coach Dave Wannstedt knows he could be seeking employment elsewhere if the Bears do not win. With that said, coach Wannstedt, watch out for the ax!

NFC EAST predictions  
1) DALLAS COWBOYS — The names for so many years have remained the same: Aikman, Emmitt, Moose, Irvin, and Nate.

However, since the reign of Super Bowl victories in '93, '94 and '96, the Cowboys have been hit hard through free agency, off-the-field controversies, injuries, and age. QB Troy Aikman still remains as one of the game's most accurate passers. His favorite target, WR Michael Irvin, also remains one of the game's best receivers. Free agent WR Ernie Mills was signed in the offseason to provide some help. New head coach Chan Gailey will institute a power running attack as he did as offensive coordinator in Pittsburgh. As insurance to Smith, the Cowboys signed RB Chris Warren. The Cowboys have FB Daryl "Moose" Johnston back healthy to provide punishing blocks for Emmitt. The offensive line has age, but if healthy and in shape, they could make a difference for a postseason appearance. The key to success lies with the offensive line protecting Aikman and opening holes for Emmitt. However, Dallas doesn't have the monsters on the defensive side to consistent-

ly stop power running teams. Very little chance for a Super Bowl run.

2) NEW YORK GIANTS— Last season, the Giants lost by one point to the Vikings in the wild-card game—a game that they basically gave away. With one of the NFL's youngest defenses intact, the Giants will be looking to move even further this season. The defensive line is led by DE Michael Strahan who led the team with 14 sacks. Strahan is solid against both the run and at rushing the passer. Both interior lineman DT Robert Harris and DT Keith Hamilton played extremely well all season. To remain on the winning path, the Giants will need to play injury free and play to the best of their ability every game. The playoffs are realistic.

3) WASHINGTON REDSKINS — In the offseason, the Redskins signed free agent DT Dana Stubblefield and traded two No.1 draft picks for DT Dan "Big Daddy" Wilkinson. This

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# MIA

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mony. Purcell spent 62 months as a prisoner-of-war in Vietnam, 58 of which were spent in solitary confinement.

Before Purcell began the retelling of his story as a POW, he thanked the Butler High School Acappella Choir for its performance of the National Anthem.

"That was one of the things I missed most," he said. "Hearing our anthem and seeing our flag."

Purcell went on to share the story of his capture and confinement at three different prison camps. During his confinement he was able to escape twice, but was recaptured both times. He said that developing and maintaining a routine was very important to him.

"They didn't have any work for us to do. We ate and slept."

Meals consisted of bread, vegetables and a cup of boiling water twice a day. In between, Purcell kept his mind and body active, exercising, concentrating on a spe-

cific subject, recalling every detail, and writing mental letters home to his wife.

His wife, Anne, was living in Georgia, raising their five children, with no idea whether her husband was dead or alive. But she kept on in faith.

Having a routine kept him in control. "When we got something to read, which was rare, I never read the whole thing all at once," he said. "I would do my exercises, my mental training, everything I had to do that day and then I would read a chapter. I wanted to stretch it out for as long as possible."

"I also made a salt shaker out of a tube from the toothpaste. We didn't get any salt but I was ready just in case," he said. "I even made myself a little communion set from toothpaste tubes and I saved a little piece of bread and took communion one Sunday a month."

Purcell recognized all the former POWs at the ceremony, all with their own story to tell. As they stood, he saluted them.

Servicemembers came back to the front of the church, extinguished the candles on the table and removed their hats from the seats of the chairs.



Photo by Sandy Riebeling

**SHARING THE MEMORIES—** Guest speaker, Purcell, center, shared his experiences as a Vietnam POW. During his 62-month captivity, his wife, Anne,

left, raised their five children. Mrs. Kenneth McCaleb, wife of a former POW, attended the ceremony with her husband.

The ceremony also included a 21 gun salute and the playing of Taps.

The effort continues to retrieve all persons listed as POW/MIA.

# BOWL

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acquisition of these two players cost the Redskins a whopping \$54.7 million in salaries. They will be expected to have an immediate impact in the middle of the line. Last season, the Redskins were one of the worst teams in the league in stopping the run. Providing more defensive help are solid OLB Ken Harvey and MLB Marcus Patton. Patton led the team in tackles, while Harvey led the team in sacks. The additions of Wilkinson and Stubblefield should vastly improve the run defense. However, the

offensive unit will require acquisitions of the same caliber before the Skins advance to the next level.

4) ARIZONA CARDINALS— The Cardinals learned something about QB Jake Plummer last season. He's a leader! He possesses those intangibles for making the big play. He has a couple of good targets in WR Rob Moore, possession receiver WR Frank Sanders, and versatile WR Eric Metcalf. Metcalf was acquired in an offseason trade with San Diego, which allowed the Chargers to select QB Ryan Leaf. This new West Coast offense should bring excitement to the Arizona fans, but the offensive line

has to protect Plummer. The Cardinals had some great offseason moves, but it will take another strong offseason before the Cardinals are contenders.

5) PHILADELPHIA EAGLES— Since Ray Rhodes took over as coach several years ago, the talent pool of the Eagles has fallen sharply. Think about it, they had Randall Cunningham, Ricky Watters, Keith Byars, Clyde Simmons, Seth Joyner— should I go on? Also gone from this team is offensive coordinator Jon Gruden who took over as the Raiders head coach. Over the past five years, the Eagles have drafted an

offensive tackle in the first or second round of the draft. This year they selected the gigantic T Tra Thomas. He will be penciled in to start at left tackle. Thomas will be called upon to protect QB Bobby Hoying's blindside. Hoying is inexperienced. He does have the veteran WR Irving Fryar to throw to. In the offseason, the Eagles signed free agent WR Jeff Graham. Graham is not much to brag about. The departure of RB Ricky Watters leaves the running to RB Charlie Garner. Like Graham, Garner is not much to brag about either. The Eagles won't win many games at all this year.

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• **Turkey shoot**— The next Outdoor Recreation Turkey Shoots are scheduled Oct. 10 and 24 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. The Turkey Shoot is open to active duty, retired military, DoD civil-

ians, 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.

• **Newcomers' orientation**— Learn more about Redstone Arsenal by attending the Army Community Service Newcomers' Orientation on Oct. 6 from 8:30 a.m. to noon at building 3447. Attendance is mandatory for active duty military permanently assigned to Redstone Arsenal. Spouses are encouraged to attend. The orientation features speakers, a bus tour of Redstone Arsenal, and information booths. Free child care is offered at the Child Development Center, building 3145. The child's shot records and sign up are required. For more information call Mary Breeden, relocation assistance program manager, at 876-5397.

## TOOL

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carbon. SVE systems require the contaminant to be attached to soil above the groundwater for the system to work.

In preparation for the SVE construction, a horizontal well was recently installed to draw the groundwater down from the affected area, allowing the TCE attached to the soil to be removed. The horizontal well was chosen because of its ability to extract water in a specific area. In this case, the area under the closed trench needing groundwater drawdown was a better fit for a horizontal extraction well than for much more conventional vertical wells. To achieve the same result of the one horizontal well, four vertical wells would have been needed.

Horizontal drilling is nothing new in the oil and gas industry. It is even frequently used in urban settings to place water and sewer lines in heavily developed areas. However, it represents an innovation in the environmental arena, according to Capt. Carl Phelps of the Corps' Redstone Area Office.

"Directional drilling is not something new, but this is a new application of the technology. Normally we would use vertical wells. This is the first time we have installed a horizontal well on Redstone," he said.

The water pumped from the horizontal well will go into the existing groundwater treatment system, which is only running at about one-third capacity right now, according to Phelps.

"We're currently running about 100

gallons a minute. Capacity is 300 gallons a minute. The horizontal well will enable us to run at maximum capacity," he said.

After the water table is lowered, the soil vapor extraction system will be installed. Construction is expected to be complete in December. The SVE system will shorten the length of time needed for the groundwater treatment system to clean the site, according to Craig Northridge of the AMCOM Environmental Management and Planning office.

"Rain percolating through the soil is transferring the contaminant from the soil to the groundwater," he said. "The implementation of this system will allow us to expedite the cleanup by attacking the contaminant source and not waiting for it to enter the groundwater."

## THAAD

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- Added competition to manufacturing of the seeker, considered the highest-risk component. Lockheed Martin builds the missile but another company, Raytheon, could become a second source for the seeker.
- Reduced risk by not buying 40 missiles after the first intercept, but instead applying that money to produce a better final product. This means buying fewer but better missiles.
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# Announcements

## Sports & Recreation

### Hunter orientation

A mandatory Hunter Safety Orientation will be held 4:30-6 p.m. at the Recreation Center, building 3711 on the following dates: Oct. 8 and 22; and Nov. 5 and 19. All individuals are required to attend this class or take the class by computer at any of the Learning Resource Centers before they will be allowed to purchase a permit to hunt on Redstone Arsenal. All first-time hunters to Redstone and those individuals who have had the computer class for the past two or more years are asked to attend the in-person orientation at the Rec Center. For more information, call Potter or Gail at Outdoor Recreation 876-4868.

### Golf tournament

The Officer and Civilian Women's Club will present the fourth annual Pineapple Open Golf Tournament on Oct. 3 at Redstone Golf Course. Deadline to enter the four-person scramble is Sept. 30. Cost per person is \$37 for Redstone Golf Course members, \$50 for non-course members. Entry fee includes golf, cart, door prizes, and food. A portion of the entry fee is also a tax-deductible charitable contribution. Prizes will be awarded for closest to the pin and longest drive. A new 1998 Saturn, donated by Saturn of Huntsville, will be the hole-in-one prize. Team prizes are determined by the number of entries. Proceeds for this tournament help support the needs of the greater Huntsville and Redstone Arsenal area through OCWC. Entry forms are available at Redstone Golf Course. There will be a new car awarded as a hole-in-one prize, plus much more. For more information, call Linda Leonard 890-0771.

### Acquisition tourney

The Acquisition Center Golf Tournament will be held at 7:30 a.m. Oct. 8 at Redstone Golf Course. Format is four-person scramble. For more information call Darlene Kerr 842-6105, Sandra Marks 876-3390 or Fran King 842-7533.

### Military spouses

Many Redstone Arsenal golfers participated in the Military Dependents Golf Tournament held Sept. 14-17 at Fort Jackson, S.C.; and some brought home honors. The following received awards for their play: Marian Deppensmith, Marie Maksimowski, Valerie Shippers and Dee Thonus. Military sponsors were invited to play in their

own tournament for the first time this year. The tournament will be held at Eglin Air Force Base, Fla., next year.

### Basketball teams

Sign up for the men's and women's post basketball teams before Oct. 15. This is open to active-duty military only. If interested call Joe Reed or Donald Lewis at Pagano Gym 876-6701.

## Health Matters

### 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.

### Shaken baby syndrome

The Exchange Club of Greater Huntsville has teamed up with organizations in the community to promote September as "Baby Safety Month" and to educate the public about the dangers of Shaken Baby Syndrome. Because a child's head and neck muscles are weak and still developing, shaking a baby if only for a few seconds can injure the baby for life.

### Breast cancer month

Fox Army Health Center wants you to learn more about breast cancer during Breast Cancer Awareness Month in October. On Oct. 6 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., a Wellness Fair will be held at the Sparkman Center, building 5309, room 9128; this event is open to everyone on a walk-in basis. The Fox Army Health Center Surgery Clinic will open its doors Oct. 15 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. for a Breast Cancer Screening Day which is open to all military beneficiaries. For more information about Breast Cancer Awareness Month events call Barbara Anderson, community health nurse, Public Health and Education Center, Fox Army Health Center at 842-0196.

### Flu vaccine

This year the flu vaccine will be given at the Post Theater, building 3712, as follows: Immunizations for active duty soldiers only, Oct. 23 from 5 a.m. until 4 p.m.; for retirees, family members of active duty and retirees (age 18 and older), and DoD civil-

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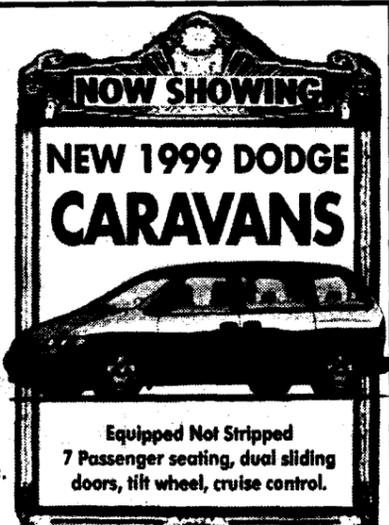
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ians, Oct. 20 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Oct. 21 from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m., Oct. 22 from 8 a.m. to noon, and Oct. 26 from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. Evening hours at the Immunization Clinic, Fox Army Health Center for retirees, family members of active duty and retirees (age 9 and older), and DoD civilians are from 5-7 p.m. Oct. 20, 22 and 27. Those children under 17 identified as high risk with conditions such as lung disease, asthma, heart disease, etc., should call 955-8888 to schedule an appointment. Please wear loose fitting, short sleeves to decrease waiting time for the vaccine. If you have questions, call the Public Health and Education Center, Fox Army Health Center 842-0196.

## Miscellaneous

### Retirement ceremony

The quarterly retirement ceremony is scheduled for 4 p.m. Oct. 8 at the quadrangle behind HHC AMCOM (building 3437).

### Milstake competition

The 832nd Ordnance Battalion will host its annual Milstake competition Oct. 9 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. The soldiers at Redstone will compete in four areas: Common Task Training beginning at 8:30 a.m. at building 3440, followed by the Road March (location and time to be announced), Marksmanship at Skunk Hollow Rifle Range and the Drill and Ceremony competition which will conclude the competition at 2:30 p.m. The awards ceremony will be at Headquarters,

832nd Ordnance Battalion, building 3440 at 4 p.m. The community is invited to attend.

### New parent support

The New Parent Support Program is once again offering client services to military families at Redstone Arsenal. The NPSP is a professional team of social workers and nurses who provide supportive and caring services to military families with children from birth to age 6. These services include prenatal education, infant care classes, parenting classes, referrals, home visits and play mornings. The play mornings will be held on Tuesday and Thursday mornings from 9:30-11:30 beginning Oct. 1 at 1220-B LaCrosse on the Arsenal. For more information, call 842-8375 or 876-2798 from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

### Prayer breakfast

The September Non-Denominational Prayer Breakfast hosted by the IMMC will be held at 7 a.m. Sept. 30 in building 5309, room 9128 (conference room at east end of Sparkman Center Food Court). The program this month will include Tommie Lockhart who will speak and sing accompanied by Leon Chavers at the keyboard. No food or drinks will be served, but you may bring your own if you wish. Everyone is invited to attend.

### Resource managers

The American Society of Military Comptrollers will hold a luncheon at 11:30 a.m. Oct. 8 at Trinity Personal Growth Center on Airport Road. Scheduled speaker is Col. Joe Young, AMCOM resource manager. Cost is \$9 for members, \$10 for non-mem-

bers. For reservations call Janet Sierma 955-3890.

### Hispanic month

AMCOM and Marshall Space Flight Center will celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month with a luncheon at 11 a.m. Sept. 30 in the Redstone Arsenal Club, Grand Ballroom. The theme for this year's event is "Women in Leadership"; and the scheduled speaker is Dr. Blanca Whitt-Christian. The luncheon will also feature Spanish dancers and Latin music by Soft Note. Tickets cost \$7.50. For more information, call Marc Subido 876-9259. Other scheduled events include a film presentation of "Hero Street, USA" at 9 a.m. Oct. 8 in the Sparkman Auditorium. A Latin Festival will be held 4-6 p.m. Oct. 9 at Just Our Club with snacks and beer provided, music by Soft Note, and a Latin Dance Group performance. Through Oct. 15, a static display on "Flags of the Hispanic Nations" is located in the display area each of Sparkman Cafeteria.

### Waterfowl banquet

Everyone is invited to attend the annual Alabama Waterfowl Association (AWA) Awards Banquet and Auction. It will be held Oct. 10 at Willie J's at Mac's Landing in Guntersville; social at 6 p.m. with a live auction at 8. Cost is \$45 for a single and

\$60 for couples; this includes membership and dinner of prime rib. There will be a silent auction, live auction, door prizes, and many items in a raffle. For advance tickets, send check(s) payable to: AWA, P.O. Box 67, Guntersville 35976. For more information call Scott Sanders (256) 586-2568, Scott Harned (256) 379-4255 or Mitch Adams (256) 228-6438.

### Acquisition conference

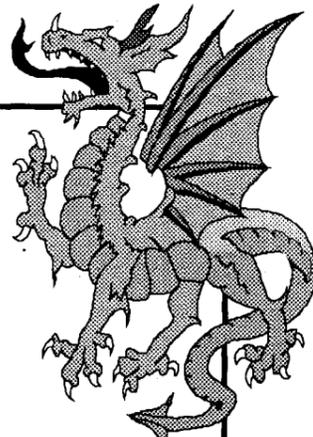
The fall 1998 Army Acquisition Community Information Management User Group Conference will be held Nov. 3-5 at the Huntsville Hilton. Scheduled keynote speaker is Paul Hooper, assistant secretary of the Army for research, development and acquisition. For more information, call Carol Winn DSN 664-7465 or Judy Ruben DSN 931-9560.

### NCO graduation

The NCO Academy will hold a graduation ceremony for the Basic NCO Course at 9 a.m. Sept. 30 in the graduation hall of building 3329. The public is invited. For more information, call 955-7954.

### OMMCS retirees

The Ordnance Missile and Munitions Center and School will have 10 workers retire Sept. 30 under the Voluntary Separation



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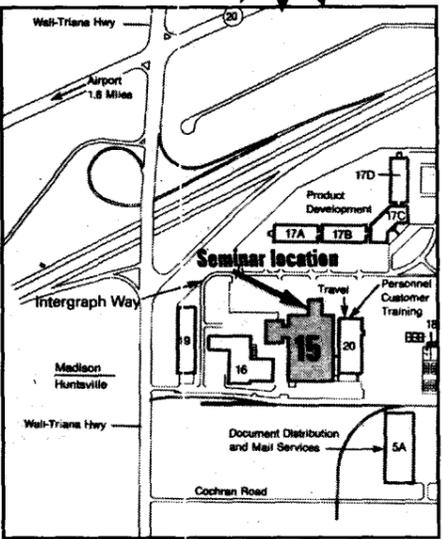
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# Announcements

Incentive Pay program. Altogether they have 385 years of federal service which equates to 38 1/2 years for each individual. "The corporate knowledge that will be lost, coupled with their complete devotion to duty, will be a great loss to this organization," OMMCS said in a prepared release. They include George W. Allen Jr., Lowell Barnes, Cecil Doub, Freeman Hollifield, Jimmy Liner, Billy R. Martin, Violet Perry, Jerry R. Payne, Daniel Robbins and Robert Tolgo.

### Catholic women

The Military Council of Catholic Women invites all Catholic women of the Redstone community (valid ID cardholders) to its meeting at 10:30 a.m. Oct. 2 at Bicentennial Chapel. "We will meet in the Activity Room followed by Rosary at 11:30 and First Friday Mass at noon," a prepared release said. "Please join us for this spiritual morning complete with refreshments." Child care will be available. For more information, call Renee Gardiner 837-1289.

### Yard/carport sale

Attention Redstone residents: It's time to clean out those closets and all those hiding spots because the Fall Yard/Carport Sale is scheduled for 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Oct. 3-4. "The sale will receive wide publication on the installation, however, you may consider advertising your own sale through local newspapers, bulletin boards, Bargain Hunter, Commissary, etc.," a prepared release said. "The use of stake-mounted signs directing traffic to your sale location are authorized for dates of sale only. All advertisements must be removed immediately after the sale period. A well-organized and attractive display of merchandise is the key to a successful sale. You are encouraged to set up your displays in a location that will divert customers away from grassed areas. Policing of lawns, carports, and surrounding areas must be done immediately after the sale period. This is great opportunity for some of us to dispose of those things we no longer need and for others to pick up a bargain. Most importantly, it's a great time to socialize with our friends, neighbors, and make a few new friends in our community. Lively selling and shopping to all!"

### RASA retiree

A retirement reception for Steve Carter,

executive assistant at Redstone Arsenal Support Activity, will be held 1-3 p.m. Sept. 30 at building 112, room 301.

### Candlelight service

HOPE Place Inc. invites you to an Interfaith Candlelight Service at 6:30-7:30 p.m. Thursday at the First United Methodist Church, 120 Green St. in southeast Huntsville. This event is to remember the victims and survivors of domestic violence. For more information, call Annie Powers 882-9374.

### Author signings

The first two weekends in October will feature two author signings at the Post Exchange. Homer Hickman Jr., author of "Rocket Boys," will sign his work from noon to 2 p.m. this Saturday. John Weedman, author of "Desperately Seeking Snoozin," will appear 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Oct. 11 at the PX.

### Town hall meeting

The Redstone Arsenal Support Activity will hold a Community Town Hall Meeting at 6 p.m. Oct. 6 in the Bicentennial Chapel Assembly Room. All residents, retirees and employees authorized to use Redstone Arsenal community facilities are invited. Tentative topics include housing and playground updates, fall happenings, energy campaign, youth sports, the Community Teen Violence Prevention Program, New Parent Support Program, and renovation of the Post Exchange. Members of the Team Redstone staff will be on hand to address questions or concerns from the community.

### PX holiday hours

The Post Exchange will operate with the following hours on Columbus Day, Oct. 12: 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.

### Astronomical group

The Von Braun Astronomical Society will hold a program at 7:30 p.m. Saturday at the planetarium in Monte Sano State Park. George Adams is to speak on "fall skies—revisited." For more information, call 539-0316 or Mitzi Adams 464-0945.

### Masquerade ball

Big Brothers/Big Sisters of North Alabama will hold its second annual Halloween Masquerade Ball on Oct. 30 from 8 p.m. through midnight at the Depot Roundhouse in downtown Huntsville. Those in costume will be eligible for prizes, including free trips and gift certificates. Tickets are \$25 per person. All proceeds benefit Big Brothers/Big Sisters of North Alabama. For more information, call 880-2123.

### Training broadcast

The Office of the Under Secretary of Defense will hold another acquisition reform satellite training broadcast "Looking at Acquisition Reform: Workforce and Initiatives" on Oct. 22. For more information on where you can view this broadcast, and past broadcasts, Call 1-888-747-ARCC, e-mail: darcc@acq.osd.mil, or visit the ARCC web site: <http://www.acq.osd.mil/dau/arcc> (click the satellite broadcasts button) or the Acquisition Reform web site: <http://www.acq.osd.mil/ar>

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### Mystery luncheon

The Officer and Civilian Women's Club will hold a murder mystery luncheon, "The Night of the Pink Flamingo," on Oct. 13 from 10:30 a.m. until 2 p.m. Menu options are a chef salad for \$4.75 or chicken with herbed rice, carrots, roll, jello parfait, and choice of tea or coffee for \$8.25. For more information or to make a reservation, call Glenda Moeller 772-0977 or Maryellen Myers 464-0583. For day care, call Pam Bahne 721-9530.

### German culture

The Friends of German Culture will hold its annual German American Day Celebration, Oct. 4 at 3 p.m. in the Burritt Museum Trilium Room. The program will focus on the life of German-born Carl Schurz, who served as secretary of the interior 1877-81. A coffee hour with German cakes and refreshments will follow. Guests are welcome. For more information, call 882-6114.



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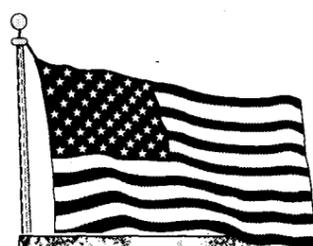
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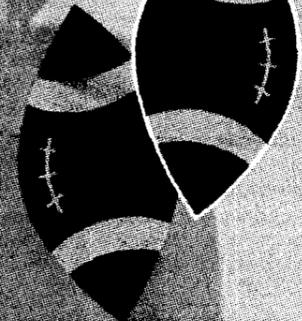
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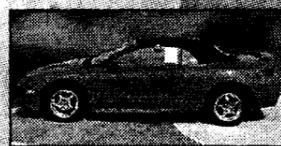
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