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Software engineering center grows with new annex

Addition among several ongoing construction projects at Redstone

By Skip Vaughn

First came the need: The building was too small for its growing mission.

Then came 10 years of planning, programming and criteria development for a new addition. Finally, the Life Cycle Software Engineering Center project has reached fruition with a groundbreaking ceremony scheduled for 9 a.m. Oct. 19.

The construction site for this new annex is adjacent to the existing Software Engineering facility, building 6260 in a remote area west of the airfield. The annex will accommodate 661 workers, many of whom are currently located in trailers, remote facilities on post and contractor places off post.

Building 6260 was originally intended for 250 people, but currently holds nearly 500.

"The annex is needed to provide much-needed laboratory and highbay space to accommodate the ever-increasing demand for life cycle software engineering on mis-

sile and aviation and other systems," Mark Burroughs, project manager in the master planning division of Environmental Management and Planning Directorate, said.

A \$25.9 million, design-build contract was awarded Aug. 21 to Turner Universal Construction Company of Huntsville. "The funds were made available through a congressional addition to the military construction budget in the FY '98 and '99 programs," Burroughs said. "Congress authorized \$27 million for construction in FY '98 but the appropriation was split between the two years (FY '98 and '99)."

The two-story annex will be 182,300 square feet and include laboratories, high-bay, engineering work areas, cafeteria, conference and training facilities, and a tactical hard stand.

"It's a combination of brick and precast, trying to match the existing building and yet present a more modern facade on the exterior," Joe Davis, chief of master planning division, said.

"We will integrate the new facility with the existing building 6260 to create a campus effect," Burroughs said.

Construction is expected to be completed by May 2000. The Software Engineering Directorate should be fully functional in the facility by October 2000.

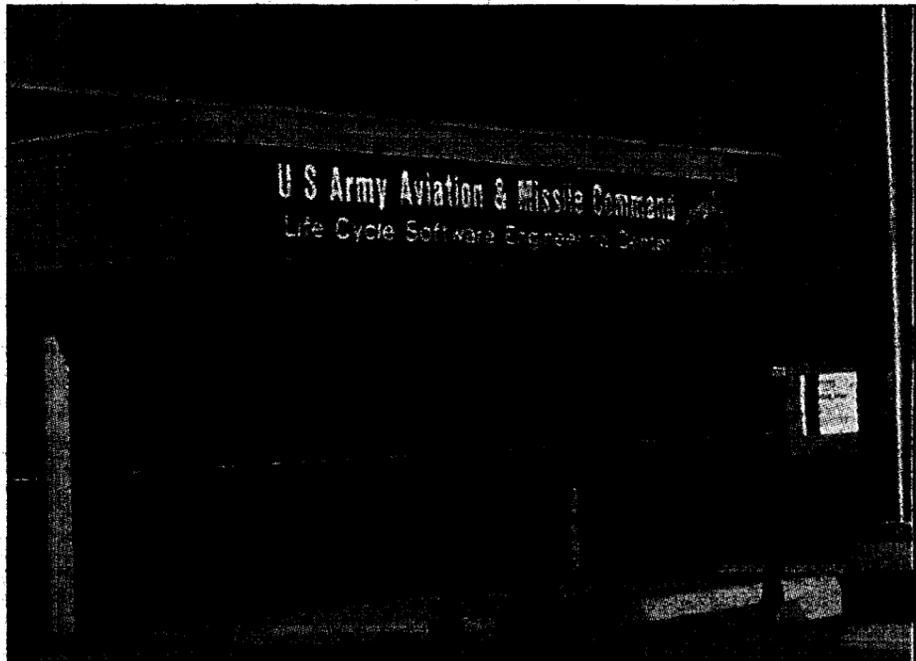


Photo by Skip Vaughn

BUILDING 6260— The existing Life Cycle Software Engineering Center needs more room to accommodate all of its workers. An annex will be built next door.

Those involved in this effort have included Redstone Arsenal Support Activity, Mobile District Corps of Engineers, Aviation and Missile RDEC, and key staff of the Software Engineering Directorate along with strong support from the Alabama con-

gressional delegation.

Speakers at the groundbreaking ceremony from 9-10:30 a.m. Oct. 19 are to include Sens. Richard Shelby and Jeff Sessions and

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Another step forward...

Retirement village project gets OK for skilled nursing beds

By Sandy Riebeling

The Redstone Retirement Village is one step closer to construction with the state's approval Sept. 18 of 50 skilled nursing beds for the continuing care retirement facility.

"This village is a relatively new concept in retirement," said retired Maj. Gen. George Turnmeyer, president of the Redstone Military Retirement Residence Association. "It will be an integrated complex with three levels of living — independent, assisted and skilled nursing.

"It's important to understand, we're not building a nursing home. The people moving into this complex must enter healthy. But sooner or later, they may not be so healthy. As their health deteriorates, they

can move to the next level, assisted living, without having to move to another facility. Hopefully, they'll never have to go to skilled nursing."

The Village project began in 1993 with a group of retirees getting together, discussing the needs in the community and the benefits of a retirement complex located near the Arsenal. By 1996, proposed sites for the facility had been narrowed to three. Greystone Communities Inc. out of Texas, a corporation that has developed more than 30 similar projects, was named project manager for Redstone Retirement Village.

The project was stalled while the Association sought state approval for the skilled nursing care beds. In Alabama, there is a limited number of skilled

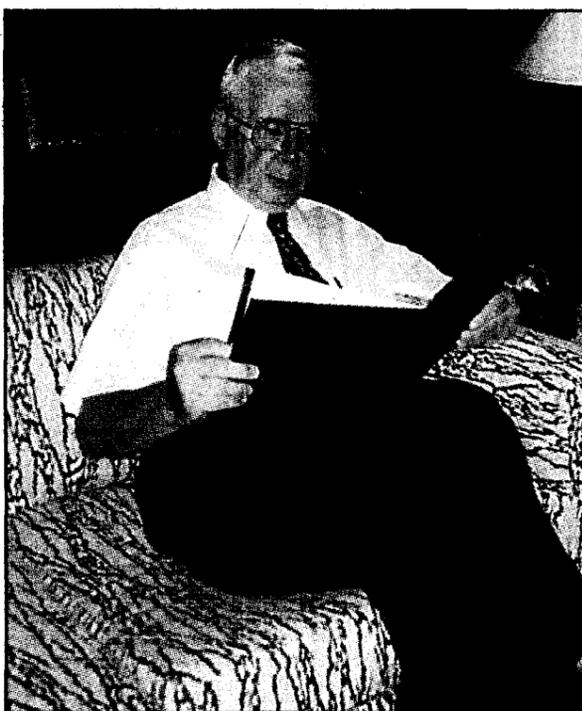


Photo by Sandy Riebeling

STILL PLANNING— Turnmeyer expects the community design and floor plans for the Redstone Retirement Village to be completed in the next six months with construction to begin within the next year.

nursing beds allowed in each county, dependent upon a percentage of the county's population of residents 65 years and older. Last year, the State Health Planning and Development Agency determined a need for additional beds in the county. Redstone Village, along with three other organizations, applied for those beds. Because the availability of beds is limited, the competition for those slots among other health care facilities in the county is fierce.

Ultimately, three of the organizations in competition each received permission for a specified number of skilled nursing beds with the fourth organization, Columbia Medical Center, withdrawing its application.

The Redstone Retirement Village, to be located on Zeirdt Road near the Arsenal, has been approved

by SHPDA for 50 beds in their skilled nursing level. With the approval, the project can move forward; in fact, the approval comes with the stipulation that construction will begin within 12 months.

"That's where we are," Turnmeyer said. "Now that the beds have been awarded, work is rapidly progressing to determine architectural design, floor plans, cost to residence and policies. Greystone will be responsible for project management including, plans, financing and construction under the oversight of the board. We expect them to have a marketing office in town within six months.

"We (the Redstone Military Retirement Residence Association) are a private See VILLAGE on page 22



Letters To The Editor

Appreciates decision

I would like to thank all Team Redstone employees who took the time to review the recently proposed Civilian Acquisition Workforce Demonstration Project, including its Contribution-based Compensation and Appraisal System, and to recognize the serious flaws with that plan.

I would also like to thank our brethren in both unions for their bold stands with respect to this plan in representing not only their dues-paying bargaining members but also representing the other employees in their bargaining unit.

A note of appreciation is also due Maj. Gen. Gibson for his Sept. 24 memo to DA informing Mr. Charles of AMCOM's decision for non-participation in the project.

Jim Keebler
AMCOM IMMC

Office moves

First of all I would like to say that I am one of those affected by the move and I agree with the writer of the letter "Moving Managers" in the Sept. 9 Redstone Rocket. There is presently an empty space to which we are being moved so that another office can move into the space we presently occupy. Why? Did anyone think to move that office directly to the empty space (their size is comparable to ours) and to thus avoid the number of moves being precipitated? Was it because someone with Sparkman Center political clout was window shopping and desired the space we occupied?

I am amazed, and yet not so, when I consider the ways of man under sun in general and within the Sparkman Center in particular. Someone tell me, please, and please do not give me that "color of money" rumination, how is it that more consideration is given to moving people around in the Sparkman Center than is given to preventing the involuntary movement of workers off the payroll (i.e., over hires, etc.). Someone, anyone, tell me why this most expensive game of musical chairs is being played and please not the one about "we are consolidating space." If space consolidation is the aim, then that explains the constant moving of organizations, right? After all if you are going to alleviate a few empty desks from an organization you could never remove the desk to another area or restructure an area; you must move organizations and telephone lines. In some cases, phones are not transferred so customers are forced to play phone chase. Now, if customer satisfaction and consideration of others were as important as is stated on the walls throughout IMMC, it would stand to reason that these moves should be cut to a minimum especially those that involve needless moving of organizations simply because someone said, "I want this one." Consider also the fact that until this present climate of reduction-in-force has passed, there shall ever be the possibility of empty desks and, God forbid, the unfath-

omable notion that we should move organizations to alleviate empty desks; it is rather wasteful.

Does anyone know, or perhaps more correctly does anyone care, about the amount of money that would be saved if we stopped the musical chairs games and the jockeying for domains that frequently happens simply because the need is felt to stretch ones political muscles.

I have asked "why the move," of a couple of managers above me and I was informed it was out of their hands and that they have tried to abate this move to no avail. Everyone appears to pass everything to this nebulous dictator in the sky; where is this person anyway? I think I would like to have his job. He is never seen, never spoken to and no one knows where he is; or so it appears....

Adrian A. Abrams

Editor's note: The Installation Management Office, in Directorate of Public Works, provided the following response. "Many factors are considered when relocating personnel due to changes within the command. Consideration is given to organizational requirements, cost, impact to the mission, unit integrity and efficient utilization. Every effort is made to give organizations unit integrity as much as possible in order to obtain the 'most efficient organization.' The final authority on organizational moves within their assigned space is the head of the primary organization element.

"While the writer of the above does not care for the 'color of money rumination' or 'we are consolidating space,' both must be considered and addressed in the government. In this day and age of dwindling budgets, we are required by regulation to efficiently and effectively utilize our assets, but also must economize as much as possible by using our space, closing inefficient facilities and canceling leases. Other than the relocation effort to accommodate the Sentinel Product Office, no other major moves are planned until completion of the VSIP/VERA. The Sentinel Product Office previously reported to another command and was located in leased space, but is transitioning to this command Oct. 1 and should be housed within the Deputy for Systems Acquisition space as much as possible to ensure unit integrity. Significant savings of \$145,080 per year will be realized by cancellation of the lease.

"Per Army Regulation 405-70, the Commander, through the Directorate of Public Works, will account for and ensure the efficient and effective use of all lands, facilities and space under their control.' Controversial and/or major relocations are briefed to and approval obtained from the Command Group prior to implementation. Representatives of organizations affected by these relocations are present at these briefings. The particular relocation referred to by the writer was no exception.

"We recognize the inconvenience relocations pose to individuals and organizations. While customer satisfaction and consideration of others are of the utmost importance, we must obtain efficient use of our facilities."

Cafeteria courtesy

This letter is about courtesy—or the lack thereof—toward customers.

On the morning of Sept. 28, I went to the Sparkman Cafeteria to buy a cup of ice tea for 95 cents. Before I left my work area I counted dimes, nickels and pennies twice to be sure that I had the correct change.

I handed the cashier the money and in a hateful tone of voice she said, "How many pennies are here?" I replied, "Enough to make 95 cents." Then, as I was walking to the condiments table, she turned to another customer and said, "Don't let him get away, I still need another nickel to make 95 cents!" So I gave her a dollar and she shoved the change into my hand at which time I said, "You're welcome." She never looked at me and NEVER said thank you during the entire transaction.

Bottom line is that I should not have to endure her tone of voice and I will continue to return the same amount of courtesy she dishes out.

Whatever happened to treating customers politely? Is that not required because Sparkman Center employees are a captive audience?

I don't like her attitude and she obviously needs some training to teach her that a little courtesy goes a long way.

Paul J. Crawford
IMMC

Sparkman parking

From what I understand about the parking here at the Sparkman Center complex, people who work in the complex are not supposed to be parking in customer parking spaces. When I first started working here several years ago, Sparkman Management Office sent out numerous messages stating that employees who worked in the complex were not supposed to park in these parking spaces and your supervisor was notified if you were caught doing so. What happened? I have observed certain individuals who work in the complex parking in customer spaces repeatedly. If SMO is not going to enforce their own policy, then why have designated parking spaces for customers.

Name withheld by request

Editor's note: The Sparkman Management Office provided the following response: "Parking at the Sparkman Center is designated in accordance with AMCOMR 210-2. Customer/visitor spaces are allocated for customers visiting the complex. It is the supervisors' responsibility to ensure that their assigned employees adhere to governing policies and procedures. The Sparkman Management Office has no enforcement responsibility or authority."

Continuing mission ...

Management engineering activity joins AMSAA of Aberdeen

The merger of the Army Materiel Systems Analysis Activity (AMSAA) and the Army Materiel Command Management Engineering Activity (AMCMEA) became official Oct. 1.

Director of the new organization is David Shaffer with headquarters at Aberdeen Proving Ground, Md.

AMCMEA is now the Management Engineering and Resource Analysis Division (MERAD) of the AMSAA. The tran-

sition has taken place without any loss of personnel or change in the roles and missions of the former MEA located in Huntsville. The MERAD continues the MEA mission of serving as the Management Engineering and Manpower analytical organization of the headquarters Army Materiel Command. In addition, the new structure has a team of Cost and Resource Analysis analysts located at AMSAA-Aberdeen reporting to the Huntsville Divi-

sion. The merger blends similar analytical elements of the two organizations into one cohesive organization. By cross utilizing Aberdeen-based operations research analysts and Huntsville-based management analysts, the new organization has a broader pool of skills and techniques available to serve the organic analytical needs of the Command.

The merger is an outgrowth of the Quadrennial Defense Review. The Review

was recommended by the Commission on Roles and Mission of the U.S. Army Forces in May 1995 and the Secretary of Defense expanded the concept to include a thorough review and assessment of strategy, capabilities, force structure, infrastructure, resources and programs. Congress legislated the QDR in the 1997 Defense Authorization Act. There will be no relocations associated with this consolidation. (AMSAA release)

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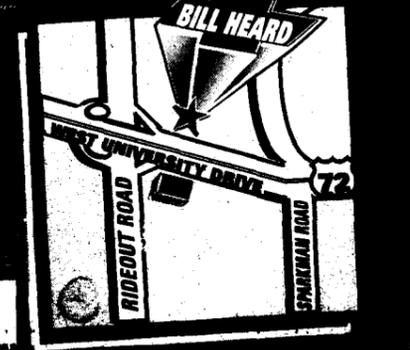
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The Property Accountability Office has won the AMC Supply Excellence Award and the Chief of Staff Army, Runner-up Supply Excellence Award. The awards were presented by Gen. Dennis Reimer, chief of staff, on Sept. 4 in Washington, D.C. Members of the office include: seated from left Margaret Hamilton, Roy Hall,

Penny Robertson, Jimmie Tidmore and Nancy Swaim; and standing from left Melvin Ewing, Sandra Buchanan, Patricia Hudson, June Bacon, Ray Watkins, Phyllis Kindred, Rush Farrell, Ron Dismuke, Deanne Cantu, Terris Winn, Patricia McCrary, Andres Lao, Barbara Shields, Lewis Johnson and William Hatchell.

National Guard Avenger/Stinger shots on target in test at Fort Stewart

A successful Army National Guard Avenger/Stinger live fire exercise was conducted Aug. 21-22 at Fort Stewart, Ga. The live fire was the first time the three participating Army National Guard battalions had ever engaged targets with their newly fielded Avenger air defense systems.

In addition to the ARNG Avenger engagements, two other Army units fired Stinger missiles in the shoulder-fired Manportable Air Defense System role. After the smoke had cleared, scoring determined that gunners had racked up

a 96 percent success rate. Soldiers fired against rocket targets known as Ballistic Aerial Targets.

Participating units included two Florida Army National Guard Avenger battalions (2-265 and 3-265 ADA), a South Carolina ARNG Avenger battalion (2-263 ADA), the 1-75th Ranger Regiment (Georgia) and the 30th Heavy Separate Brigade out of North Carolina. The live fire was planned and sponsored by the 2-265 ADA and supported by AMCOM's Short Range Air Defense (SHORAD) Project Office.

Both the Avenger fire

unit and Stinger missile are AMCOM weapon systems. In addition to Stinger and Avenger, the AMCOM-developed Avenger Table Top Trainer was utilized to support the exercise. The newly fielded, low cost training device enabled Avenger gunners to hone their skills against simulated targets prior to engaging the challenging Ballistic Aerial Targets.

Using creativity... Local woman business leader overcame humble beginnings

By Karen Moore and Carol Smith

As a single teen parent of four small children in New Mexico, Nancy Archuleta faced many obstacles.

She overcame those challenges to become president of one of the country's fastest growing Hispanic-owned multimillion dollar businesses, MEVATEC Corporation. The Huntsville MEVATEC office offers expertise in design, analysis simulation and evaluation of advanced weapon systems and communication networks.

Archuleta, named MEVATEC's president in 1987, was guest speaker at the September meeting of the American Society of Military Comptrollers.

She developed a strong base by highlighting "ity" words like creativity, suitability, workability and connectivity. She advocated being bold, innovative and prepared. These action words are not "government" or "contractor" specific, but can be used by all.



Photo by Bill Richardson

IN APPRECIATION— Steve Fisher, second vice president, presents an ASMC appreciation plaque to Archuleta.

Archuleta encouraged everyone to challenge themselves for moving into the new millennium.

"In order to move forward, you must maximize your knowledge," Archuleta said.

MEVATEC and Regions Bank are ASMC's first two corporate sponsors, according to Col. Garth Bloxham, the ASMC president.

ASMC welcomes everyone to its monthly

luncheon. The next American Society of Military Comptrollers luncheon will be Oct. 8 at 11:30 a.m. at Trinity Personal Growth Center on Airport Road. Cost is \$9 for members and \$10 for non-members. For reservations call Janet Sierra 955-3890.

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

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Informing parents...

Child safety seat installation a matter of life and death

By Sandy Riebeling

Installing a car seat is simple. Just loop the seat belt through the slots in the child safety seat, fasten the seat belt, tighten it up and go, right? Wrong.

A voluntary spot check on Sept. 18 at the Post Exchange revealed that none of the 25 car seats checked were properly installed in the vehicle. In fact, five new child safety seats were given away on the spot due to poor condition or recalled models.

The car seat check and replacement was the culminating event of a four-day course on child passenger safety conducted on post by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration. The United Services Automobile Association provided the car seats.

"We are the first Army base to sponsor this class," said Sandra Jackson, occupational safety specialist, who was one of 11 people from the Arsenal to participate in the course. "Most people couldn't believe we were going to spend four days learning how to install child safety seats, but there

is really a lot you should know about putting a car seat in a vehicle. Forty-four new models are put out on the market every year, and all of them are different."

One of the most important tips for proper safety seat installation is to make the child safety seat as much a part of the vehicle as possible. Three basic things to check include adequate room for the moving parts of the safety seat, compatibility of the seat belt system in the vehicle and a proper fit in the seat. Car seats properly installed should have no more than one-inch movement when shaken to provide maximum protection.

"Some car seats won't fit in bucket seats and some cars don't have enough room for the type of seat with a bar that lowers down over the child," Jackson said. "Car seats are created for bench style seats. They are safety tested in bench style seats. That is usually where you get the best fit."

Location of the seat is also a top priority. The safest place to put the safety seat is in the middle of the back seat. If that is not



Photo from Sandra Jackson

BUCKLE UP— Kathy Varga, safety inspector for Gulf Central Transportation in Florida, came to Redstone Arsenal for the child safety seat installation training.

compatible with a vehicle, or there is more than one seat needed, the next best place is the back seat, passenger side.

"Something that everyone should be told is to never, never put a child safety seat in the front seat with an active air bag," Jackson said. "If the air bag deploys the child could be killed. On the newer model cars, there is a switch that the airbag can be turned off. If the vehicle doesn't

have that and you have to put the car seat in the front, like in a sports car without a back seat or pickup truck, you can request a waiver to have the airbag turned off by an authorized agent."

Because there are so many different styles of cars and styles of child safety seats, the NHTSA saw the need to educate people on proper installation and creating compatibility between the vehicle seat, seat belt and safety seat.

"We went through every page of this huge manual," Jackson said. "Then we went out to the cars and sweated out the afternoons putting different types of car seats in different types of cars. We learned tricks to make the car seats fit better."

Another safety issue concerning car seats is manufacturer recalls. It is important to send in the manufacturer's warranty card when a new seat is purchased so that you can be contacted if there is a recall on your child safety seat. Many people are not aware of the fact that they are using recalled car seats.

Knowing the history of the child safety seat you are using is also important. NHTSA recommends that any safety seat involved in a crash of any kind should be replaced.

"People don't know the history of that safety seat if they buy it at a garage sale or a friend gives them one," Jackson said. "I understand that car seats are expensive but if the seat has been compromised in a crash or has been recalled and you don't know it, it may not provide the protection you

expect."

NHTSA also recommends putting children in rear-facing child seats until they are a year old. Always read the instructions before installing a child safety seat and send in the warranty card.

With the completion of the class, Jackson and the others are eligible to apply for certification which costs \$40.

"I applied for certification, but whether or not the others did, they still have all the information they need and are totally qualified for safety seat inspections," Jackson said. "At least now we have people who know how to check the seats and make the adjustments so that the children can ride safely."

Jackson expects to have more spot checks for child safety seats on the Arsenal in the future. Anyone with questions can contact the NHTSA web site at www.nhtsa.dot.gov/people/injury/childps/recall.html. To see if you qualify for an airbag shut off waiver, call 1-888-DASH2DOT.

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Knowing the risk...

Early detection is best protection against breast cancer

By Barbara Anderson

October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month. What do you know about breast cancer? Did you know that one out of every eight women will be diagnosed with breast cancer in her lifetime? The first important fact to know about breast cancer is knowing that 70 to 75 percent of women who are diagnosed with breast cancer have no known risk factor other than their age and being female.

Every woman should consult their physician to learn what may be a risk factor for them. The second most important fact to learn about breast cancer is that early detection is a woman's best protection. Early detection and prompt treatment helps ensure the best opportunity to treat breast cancer successfully. When breast cancer is diagnosed and treated early, the five-year survival rate is more than 90 percent. Your life and your health, or the life of someone close to you, may depend on learning what you can do for the early detection of breast cancer.

Monthly breast self-examination, breast exami-

nation by a physician and mammography at appropriate intervals are essential procedures for all women. Women over 20 years of age and older should perform breast self-examination monthly. Learning the right way to do breast self-examination is fundamental. Finding out the correct way to do this monthly, lifesaving technique is as easy as asking your health care professional during your regular medical checkup. Women, ages 20-39, should have a physical examination of the breast by their physician or nurse practitioner every three years. Women 40 and older should have a physical examination of the breast once a year by their physician or nurse practitioner. However, most breast abnormalities are discovered by women themselves through monthly breast self-examination. Don't delay calling a physician if you find a lump or a suspicious change in your breasts.

Mammography is essential to the early detection of breast cancer plan. The National Cancer Institute estimates that deaths from breast cancer would decline

by almost one-third if women had mammograms as recommended. Mammography is a low-level X-ray of the breast, which can reveal small breast cancers up to two years before they can be felt. Women should have a screening or baseline mammography by age 40. Yearly mammography is now recommended for all women age 40 and older, according to the American Cancer Society. About 18 percent of all breast cancers occur in women 40 to 50 years old.

Fox Army Health Center wants you to learn more about breast cancer. The Fox Army Health Center Surgery Clinic is opening its doors on Oct. 15 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. for a Breast Cancer Screening Day, which is open to all military beneficiaries. Refreshments and door prizes are part of the experience. This is your opportunity to have a walk-in appointment for a clinical breast examination, breast self-examination instruction and, if physician

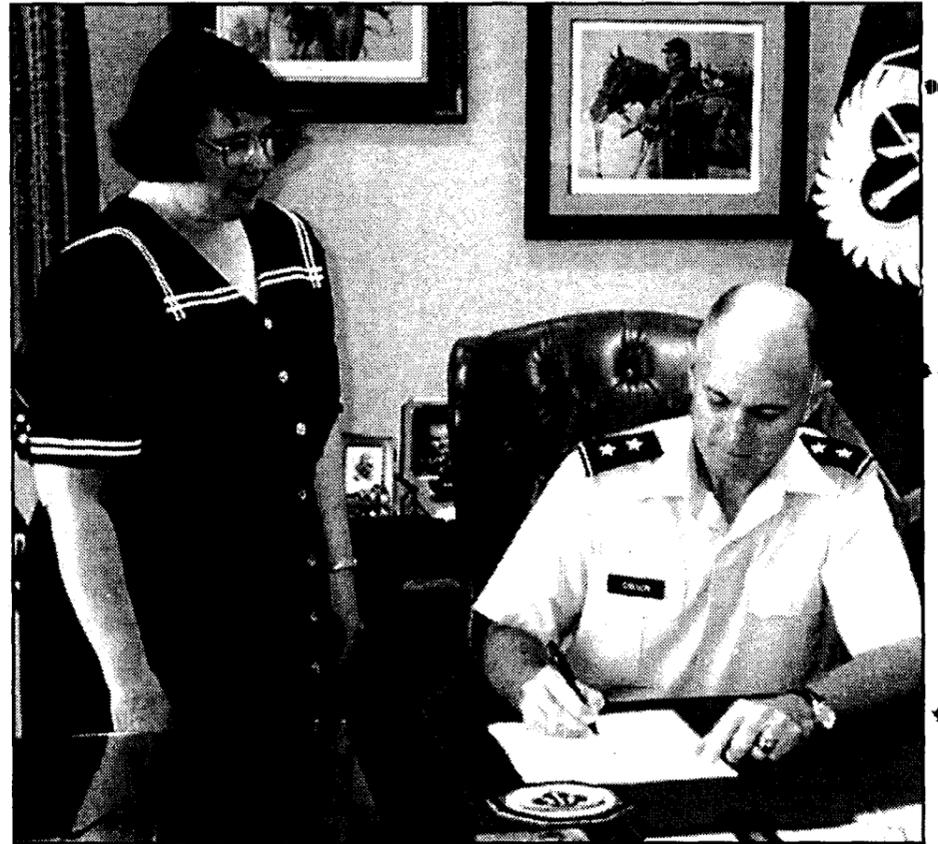


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PROCLAMATION SIGNING—Anderson looks on as Maj. Gen. Emmitt Gibson, commander of AMCOM and Redstone, signs a proclamation for Breast Cancer Awareness Month.

ordered, a mammogram on the same day.

For more information,

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(Editor's note: Anderson

is a community health nurse at Fox Army Health Center.)

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• Simulating Y2K...

Tactical missile launches back to future at White Sands, N. M.

WHITE SANDS MISSILE RANGE, N.M.—The Army TACMS-BAT and MLRS Project Offices on Sept. 17 fired an ATACMS Block I missile from a High Mobility Artillery Rocket System (HIMARS) launcher, in a simulated year 2000 (Y2K) condition.

Soldiers from the XVIIth Airborne Corps executed tactical fire mission procedures during the test. The systems all performed flawlessly, and the live fire went off without a hitch.

The mission, with a date of Sept. 17, 2000 processed through the command and control system, the launcher, and the missile; the range systems all showed green. When the soldiers

executed the fire command, the missile flew over more than 80 miles to the intended aimpoint.

This live fire included some other important firsts in addition to the Y2K test. This was the first launch, by soldiers, of an Army TACMS missile from the HIMARS launcher.

It was also the first time an Advanced Field Artillery Tactical Data System (AFATDS) was used to initiate and control an Army TACMS live fire. AFATDS is the Army's Fire Support Command and Control System and is being fielded as phased hardware and software packages over the next four years.

The HIMARS is a truck mounted launcher fitted to

the Army's Family of Medium Tactical Vehicles. It is being developed to provide rocket and missile firepower to contingency forces in a C-130 deployable package.

Prototype launchers are currently fielded with the XVIIIth Airborne Corps' C Battery, 3-27 Field Artillery.

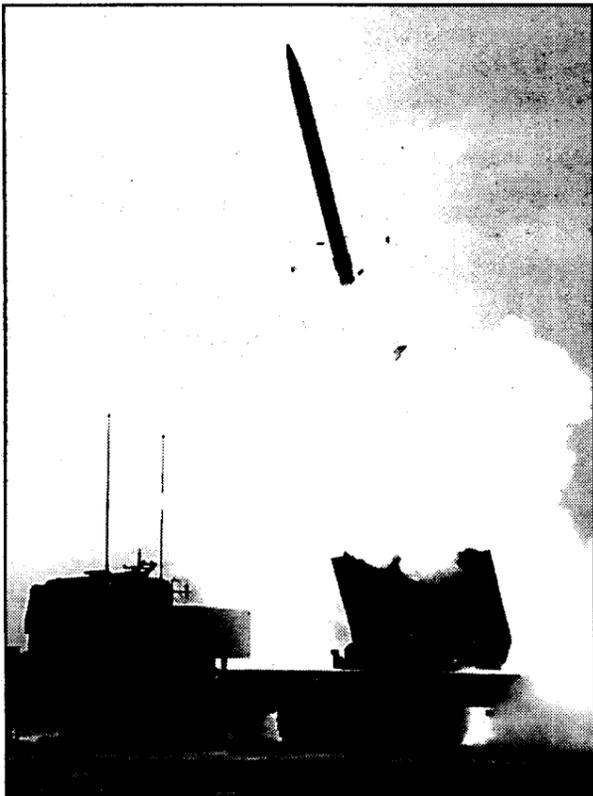
The Y2K simulated date overlay during the test included all the tactical command and control components, the launcher and missile, and the test range instrumentation and safety equipment. The project offices and White Sands agreed to use a typical date after the beginning of the

next century, settling on Sept. 17, 2000 as a practical test for both the range and the tactical systems during the live fire.

Earlier in the week during the train-up for the live missile firing, the project offices conducted tests on several of the specific Y2K date rollovers, and the sys-

tems executed their missions without missing a step.

The accomplishment of both the Y2K and command and control objectives of this test provide the Army with confidence in the Y2K capability of an array including both tactical and test support systems.



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TEST FIRING— An Army TACMS Block I missile is fired Sept. 17 from a High Mobility Artillery Rocket System (HIMARS) launcher at White Sands Missile Range.

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Responding to deadly tidal wave...

Program analyst here supports New Guinea tsunami survey

By Sandy Riebeling

When a tidal wave struck the coastal villages of Papua New Guinea July 17, killing more than 2,000 people, a program analyst from Redstone was called upon to lead an international survey team into the area and provide logistical support.

Steve Cushman was sought out as a guide because of his contacts in the region and his unique knowledge of the Australian and New Guinea terrain.

As the owner of Go Remote Adventures, an adventure travel company in Madison, Cushman has explored the coastal areas of northern Australia and New Guinea for the past seven years. His visits to the area included dives on a World War II Bomber and ships under the Coastal waters. This time, however, it wasn't a pleasure trip.

"I got a call in the middle of the night from a professor from the University of Southern California," Cushman said. "He said he'd gotten my name from people in the villages in New Guinea. He wanted to know if I had been in the area and if I had maps. I told him that I did and that I could send them. I got another phone call a few minutes later asking if I could be their field guide and logistics coordinator."

With five days lead

time, Cushman handled the visa requirements and permits for all the survey equipment, booked local flights into the area from Australia and planned travel routes and leasing equipment, including helicopters, live-aboard boats and 4-wheel-drive vehicles.

He met up with part of the American members of the international team in Los Angeles, then met the rest in Australia and New Guinea. Before making the trek to the site, some by boat, others by trucks, Cushman had to secure supplies for the party from the local village.

The cultural environment was a shock to team members who had never ventured into that region of the world before.

"They didn't know why it was so important to get the drinking water ahead of time and why they couldn't wander around the village and sightsee," Cushman said. "In that area, tribes are always warring with other tribes. You have to be careful where and when you go places. If it's dangerous, I have an escort."

Once Cushman got the team to the site of the tsunami, he set up camp with the New Guinea Defense Force and shared their communication links so that he could continue to support the survey team mission with supplies and fuel for the helicopters used



Photo supplied by Cushman

RELIEF EFFORT— More than 2,000 people were killed by the tidal wave that crashed into the New Guinea coast, just north of Australia. Relief efforts to the survivors of the tsunami continue as the people of the coastal villages return and rebuild.

to transport people and equipment.

The New Guinea and Australian defense forces were providing relief and rescue operations while the tsunami experts worked in a cooperative effort to analyze the effects.

Besides getting the people into regions with no

roads or where the roads and bridges had been washed out, Cushman conducted survivor interviews for the survey team.

"I hired a translator from the village where I leased the trucks," Cushman said. "There are more than 700 languages spoken among the tribal people.

None of them spoke English. My interpreter knew Pigeon, which is the most common language near the coastal villages, as well as some of the other dialects."

As a retired Army veteran, Cushman had seen death and destruction before. He'd commanded a rifle company of the 1st

Infantry Division in Vietnam. What he witnessed in Papua New Guinea went far beyond his experience in human tragedy.

"The experience gave me a whole new appreciation for how quickly a lifestyle can be changed," Cushman said. "One day your family is here, you have a home, the next day, it's gone— two-thirds of your family dead."

Cushman reported the story of an injured fisherman being just off shore from his village in a small boat when the water turned black and a wave suddenly appeared by exploding upward on the seaward side. The wave caught his boat with its four occupants and lifted them so high that as they reached the beach near his village, they looked down on the trees, more than 50 feet tall, and native homes. The boat began to flip end over end. The fisherman awoke on a log in the darkness, gasping

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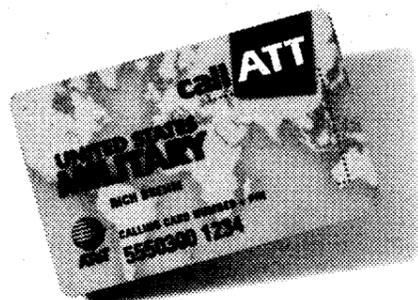
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Reuniting with family...

Vietnam veteran returns to wife's country of love and war

By Sandy Riebeling

It is said that a picture is worth a thousand words. For Jim Higgins, systems analyst at Logistics Support Activity, a picture of his undernourished Vietnamese in-laws changed his life.

"While my wife, Ly, was visiting her mother and family in Vietnam back in 1993, I was here, arranging to buy a 28-foot boat to put into the ocean," Higgins said. "But when she came back with pictures of her family, their bones showing underneath their skin, I

canceled on the boat."

It was Ly's first visit back to her native country since she and Jim left in 1971. The two met in 1969 while Higgins was serving his first of three tours with the Army in Vietnam.

"I was sitting outside the hotel where we were staying (in Cantho, Vietnam), when I looked up and saw her across the street. The Coke can just fell out of my hand, she was so beautiful," Higgins said.

When Higgins' first tour was up, the night before he was to fly home, he re-enlisted so that he could

stay in Vietnam and be with Ly. It took 18 months of paperwork and waiting but finally the two were married. Higgins met only his mother-in-law and sister-in-law before leaving Vietnam.

"Some of her brothers were in the war and some of her sisters hadn't even been born yet," said Higgins, adding that Ly has six sisters and five brothers living in Vietnam. "When we got back, Ly stayed in an apartment in Massachusetts close to my parents and I got sent back to Vietnam for another tour. I stayed in the Army 22 years. We moved around a lot. We didn't stay in contact with Ly's family. Life goes by so fast, we had three kids and stayed busy. Her family said they tried to contact us but we moved around so much that was hard to do. Finally in 1993, Ly went back to see them."

Higgins was disturbed by the pictures and stories Ly brought home with her. Neither of them had any idea of the poor living conditions of her family.

"We started sending money to them to help with repairs on their house and to make sure they had the things they needed. The average yearly income per

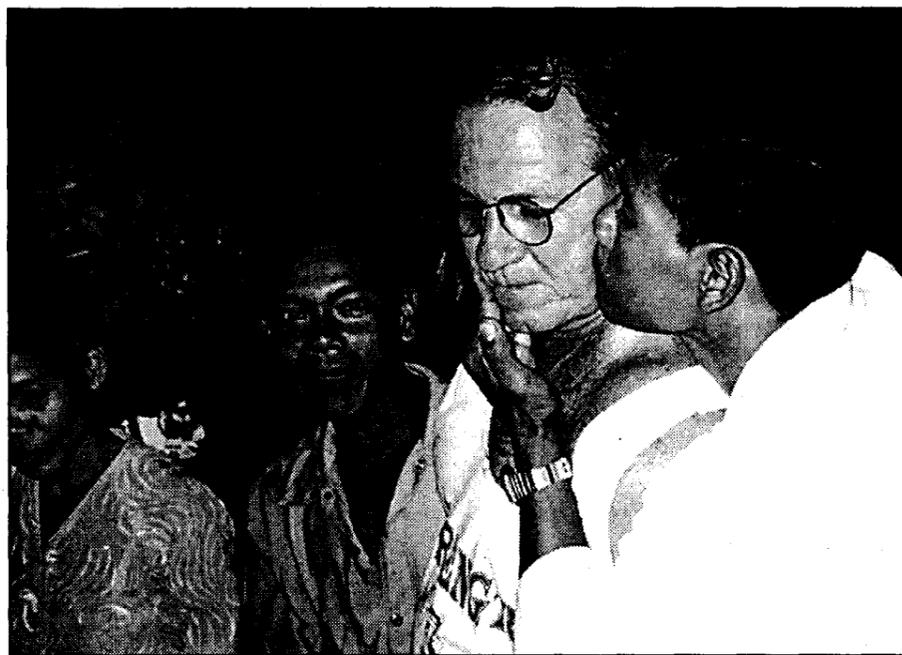


Photo from Jim Higgins

EMOTIONAL MOMENT— Higgins is kissed on the cheek by one of his brothers-in-law.

family in Vietnam is \$300."

Jim and Ly took a two-week trip to Vietnam in September to visit with family and see all the improvements that their support has provided the family.

"I took six bags with me that weighed 50 pounds each," Higgins said. "We brought new clothes, stuffed animals, medicines, umbrellas for the family. They were so grateful. They just don't have the money to get this stuff. And

Tylenol, we took a lot of that because they couldn't get it there."

Higgins said that on the flight over, he looked for the big craters in the land left from the bombings during the war but they were no longer there. The people in Cantho and the rural villages where Ly's family lived were very hospitable—"they love Americans."

Being in country again

wasn't troubling for Higgins. He said that not much had changed. Instead of everyone walking, there were a lot of mo-peds. And most houses now had a television. No indoor bathrooms but at least they had TV. He was even able to make peace with Ly's brother-in-law who was from North Vietnam.

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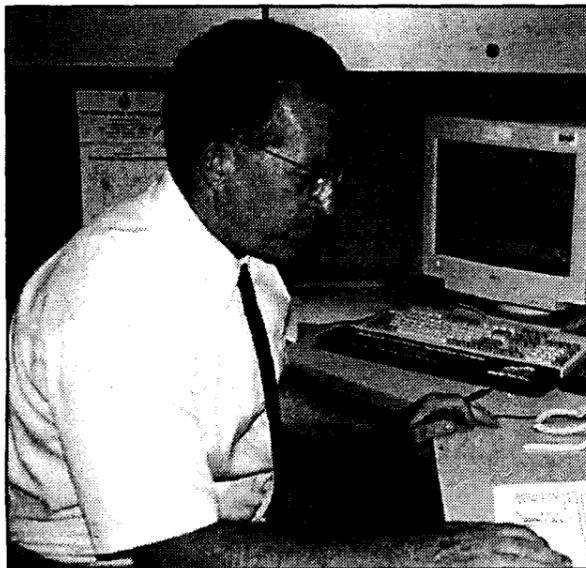


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FAMILY MATTERS— Higgins met and married his wife in Vietnam while serving three tours. He returned this year for the first time since the war to visit with his Vietnamese in-laws.

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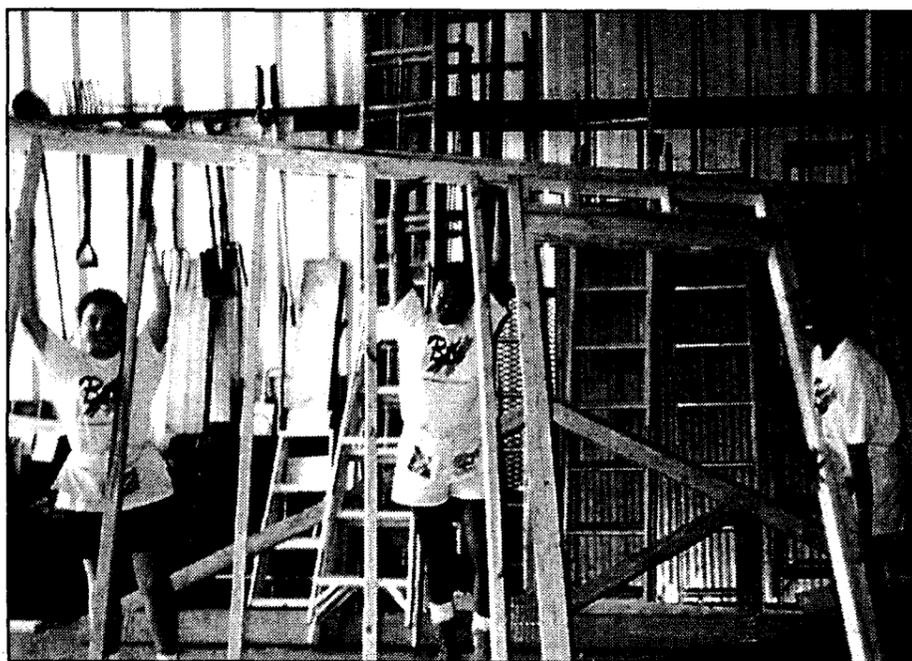


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CONSTRUCTION WORK— Building the walls to the house are, from left, PFC Jennifer Rivas, PFC Lisa McIntosh and Spec. Christlene Villafranche.

By Thasha Boyd

Not many people can say they built a house over the weekend.

But that's exactly what the members of Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers (BOSS) Committee did. They helped the local Habitat for Humanity build a house in Huntsville on Sept. 11-12.

Habitat for Humanity of Madison County, an affiliate of Habitat for Humanity International, helps lower-income people afford a home through volunteer labor,

management expertise, and tax-deductible donations of money and materials.

The soldiers from BOSS have dedicated a few hours on weekends to help in this cause since August. And on that September weekend, they helped build the house at 204 Mastin Lake Road.

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Cruising down the mighty Mississippi...

Two men ride rivers from St. Louis to the Tennessee Valley area

By Sandy Riebeling

Everybody said it would never happen, that Mike Carty could never make the old cruiser seaworthy again. Dream on, they would say, and he did.

In August, Carty embarked on a 633-mile voyage down the Mississippi River to the Tennessee on the boat he christened, Dream On.

"The trip was great. We had clear weather, sunshine the whole time," said Carty, acting deputy weapon systems manager for Aviation Ground Support Equipment. Carty's friend Brad Colvin accompanied him on the voyage. "My boss swore we'd never make it."

The trip was a long time in coming. Carty began working on the 26-foot 1961 Owens cabin cruiser in 1993. It had sunk twice before he got it and once after, in 1993 when a flood hit the area.

"My brother bought the boat for me," Carty said. "He said that fixing it up would keep me out of the bars and off the streets. Mechanically, it was in good shape. It has a Marine Flagship 185 engine, which is basically built up from a 283 Chevy block."

Carty built a wagon for the boat out of two old car frames and hauled the boat into a shed at the North Shore Yacht Club in St. Charles, Mo. Half of the bottom section of the boat and one-third of the transom (back of the boat) needed to be replaced. Although an accomplished pilot and aviation mechanic, Carty had never attempted a project like this.

"I bought books and read as much as I could about it," he said. "I had to rebuild the boat with plywood, which meant bending the wood. Marine plywood costs \$50 a sheet so I got a steamer and used regular plywood to practice with until I was

sure I could do it." Besides replacing the plywood, Carty rewired the boat, sanded it and painted it with special water craft paint.

Slowly the work progressed with the help of his brother, Colvin and his son, James.

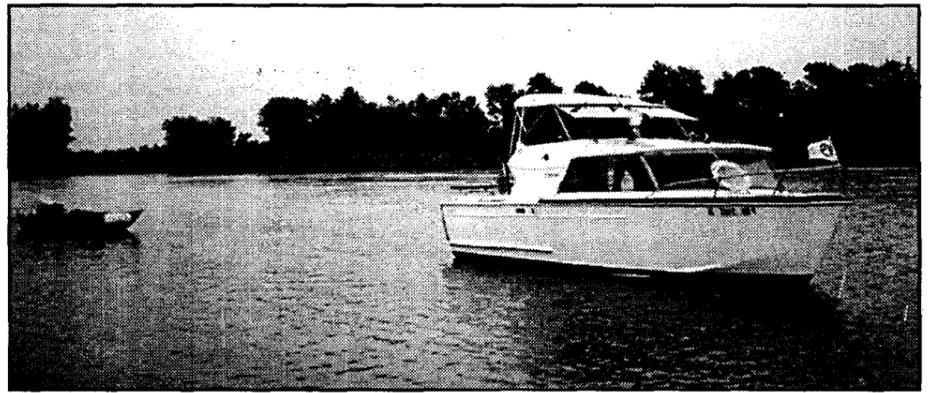
"When it was time to move to Huntsville, everybody kept asking me, 'Why don't you just trailer it down?' I told them, anybody can trailer it, I'm going to drive it down."

He made the move to Huntsville without his boat, going back on weekends to work on it, determined to sail it down the mighty rivers, taking in the sights most others never have the opportunity to see. While he took the last year to make the essential upgrades and repairs for the trip, he also studied up on nautical travel. Carty had the advantage of having served four years in the Navy but sailing a pleasure craft down a river wasn't quite the same.

"I got books and maps to study the rivers. I also called the Corps of Engineers and they helped me with the radio frequencies."

Carty thought he was finally ready for the journey and went north to bring his boat home. He took it out for a test run and found that he had a fuel problem. He spent three hours eliminating problem points until he had to pull the main fuel system and have the manufacturer check the fuel tank. A small adjustment was made to the fuel intake and the problem was solved. Carty reassembled the engine and took her out for a quick test drive then said, "let's go."

Carty and Colvin launched from the Yacht Club in St. Charles Aug. 22. His gear included a ship-to-shore radio, depth finder, a global positioning system, maps and guide books, along with "enough food for a month," a camping stove, gas grill and personal belongings. They also towed a



Mike Carty photo

MAIDEN VOYAGE— Just two days before the 633 mile trip from St. Charles, Mo., to Guntersville, Ala., Carty had major engine problems and had to pull the fuel tank. The trip took eight days.

john boat behind the cruiser, equipped with a motor and extra fuel; in case they had trouble, they could tow the boat to shore.

To run a river, the captain of a craft needs to be able to understand nautical terms, identify river markers, maneuver through the locks and dams and talk to other water craft and people on the shore. Carty went through nine locks and dams on his journey.

"I remember I called over to a tow on the river and asked him which side he wanted me to pass him on and he called back over the radio and said 'run the nuns,'" Carty said. "I asked him to repeat it because I wasn't sure what he meant. I was embarrassed that I had to ask him to explain it."

The answer simply meant to run along the green buoys called nuns.

"We had steak the first evening," Carty said. "But then, we didn't have anymore of

that for the rest of the trip. We ate a lot of soup and Spam sandwiches."

The only cause for alarm came about 80 miles out of St. Louis. The engine sputtered. Carty panicked for a second but he said that the problem cleared up by itself and there was no more trouble the rest of the way.

His guide books highlighted points of interest along the river, giving him a unique perspective of the many sites.

In the evenings, they would pull the boat to the side of the river, take a shower, eat some dinner and sleep on the boat. They had 18 hours of down time waiting to go through the various locks and dams.

The cruiser averaged 80 miles a day and used 450 gallons of gas for the trip.

"I would like to take a trip all the way to the end of the Tennessee River sometime. It's one of very few rivers that flow north." Carty said.

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After giving his all...
Patriot, combat medic, civil servant dies from cancer in September

In later years he was a graphic illustrator, but as a young man he was a decorated combat medic.

Roger Gene Schmidt was those things and more. He was also an active veteran who served in veterans groups and designed the Purple Heart license plate for Alabama. He was a member of the Madison County Hall of Heroes and a true patriot.

Schmidt, retired soldier and former civil servant, died from cancer Sept. 19 at his home in Huntsville. He was 55.

"I would like to remember Roger Gene Schmidt as a soldier who would give all that he got, do all he can do... in accomplishment of assigned task or mission,"

said Vicente Tainatongo, commander of the Military Order of the Purple Heart, Chapter 2201 in Huntsville.

A native of Belleville, Ill., Schmidt served in Vietnam where he earned the Purple Heart and the Bronze Star with "V" Device.

He was a graphic illustrator for the former Missile Command in the 1980s and '90s. Schmidt was a member of the Military Order of the Purple Heart, Chapter 2201 and the American Legion Post 237 on Drake Avenue.

Survivors include his wife, Mary Schmidt of Huntsville; two daughters, Maria Byrd of Huntsville and Sherry Lee Ruckdeschel of Holly, N.Y.; two

sons, Roger G. Schmidt Jr. of New Hope and Arthur Dwayne Schmidt of Huntsville; his stepmother, Doris Schmidt of Staunton, Ill.; three brothers Edward John Schmidt Jr. of Staunton, Theodore C. Schmidt of O'Fallon, Ill., and Arthur Henry Berghahn of Arizona; nine grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Schmidt was buried in Concord Cemetery with full military honors, provided by soldiers of Redstone Arsenal.

Lt. Gen. Costello becomes SMDC commander Oct. 1

In an Oct. 1 military ceremony in the Pentagon office of Gen. Dennis Reimer, Army chief of staff, Maj. Gen. John Costello was promoted to lieutenant general and assumed command of the Space and Missile Defense Command.

Costello comes to SMDC from Fort Bliss, Texas, where he was the commander of the Air Defense Artillery Center and Fort Bliss. His other key assignments include, among others: director, Roles and Missions Directorate, Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff for Operations and Plans, Headquarters, Department of the Army; assistant division commander-manuever, 1st Armored Division, Baumholder, Germany; commanding general 32nd Army Air Defense Command, Darmstadt, Germany; and commander, 35th Air Defense Artillery Brigade, I Corps, Fort Lewis, Wash.

Costello's military education includes the Air Defense Artillery Officers' Advanced Course, the Armor Officers' Advanced Course, the Command and General Staff College, the Army War College, and the Joint Flag Officer Warfighting Course.

His military awards include the Distinguished Service Medal, Legion of Merit (with two oak leaf clusters), the Bronze Star, the Meritorious Service Medal (with three oak leaf clusters), the Army Commendation Medal (with one oak leaf cluster), the Army Achievement Medal, the Senior Parachutist Badge, the Ranger Tab, the Army General Staff Identification Badge, and the Gold Cross of Honor of the Federal Forces, Federal Republic of Germany.

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



Family photo

COMBAT MEDIC— Schmidt is shown during his tour as a medic in Vietnam.

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'Dan the Man' doesn't deal in trash collecting now

Ex-maintenance worker says he's glad to be back at Redstone Arsenal

By Jim Bowne

A few years ago, Daniel Bains would walk into an office and be greeted with a cheery, "Heeey, it's Dan the trash man!" "That's what they all called me back then," Bains remembered.

"It's been a long, hard, haul," Bains said with a sigh. "But I'm really happy to be back at Redstone Arsenal and Huntsville. My family lives here, except for my sister. She lives in Gulf Shores."

The events that led Bains back to Redstone really began when he was a student at the University of Alabama-Huntsville. It was while attending UAH that Bains worked on the Arsenal as a "light maintenance man" for Cardinal Support Services. The job was his primary source of income while in school.

Bains graduated from UAH in 1993 with a bachelor's degree in political science and a minor in German studies. But it was not easy. "It was hard going to school full time while holding down a full-time job," he said. "Back then, UAH was on a term system rather than the semester system. Believe me, that didn't leave much time for a social life.

"I had been working for Sears, but I lost my job when Sears cut back on employees. I knew I could-

n't afford not to work. I had bills to pay. So, I went to the state employment agency. They told me the maintenance job with Cardinal was all they had. I wasn't sure I wanted the job, but at least it allowed me to schedule my work around my classes."

Bains credits his stint as a maintenance man, and his interest in people, with opening up new opportunities for him.

"I worked in building 5250, the headquarters building for what was then the U.S. Army Missile Command," he said. "Pulling trash was a different way of making it through college. I talked with everybody. I remember I used to get help from the people in the Historical Division, especially with my history classes. Also, a lot of people in 5250 were trying to help me get a better job."

After graduating, Bains went to work for a local defense contractor working with the Multiple Launch Missile System (MLRS) Project Office. "This move led me to my first professional job," he said. "I ended up working as a logistics technical aide for Tony Adams, the MLRS logistics chief."

Two years later, in 1995, Bains received an Army Materiel Command Internship. During the first year Bains completed 14 months

of school at the Defense Ammunition Center at Savannah Army Depot Activity, learning to be a quality assurance specialist in ammunition surveillance. Although the school is in Illinois, Bains remembers it as being "in the middle of nowhere."

In 1996, Bains was sent to the Crane Army Ammunition Activity, located at the Naval Surface Warfare Center in Crane, Ind. There, Bains received on-the-job training as a quality assurance specialist in ammunition surveillance. He moved up to the journeyman level of his profession. "I was given more freedom and more responsibilities," Bains said. "I was allowed to work more or less on my own."

Last June, Bains was reassigned to Redstone Arsenal Support Activity as a quality assurance specialist in ammunition surveillance.

His affiliation with the ammunition field can be traced all the way back to 1986. Before going to college, Bains served two and a half years in the Army to take advantage of the GI Bill and the New Army College Fund. After basic train-

ing at Fort Jackson, S.C., Bains was sent to Redstone Arsenal for his advanced individual training. He completed his training as an ammunition specialist and was assigned to the 64th Ordnance Company, Fischbach Army Depot, in Fischbach, Germany.

"I had a great time in Germany," he said. "It was easy for me to pick up the German language."

While there, Bains worked for a special weapons unit. "I was part of a platoon that was responsible for the proper loading and unloading of special weapons and various other types of ammunition. One of our jobs was to ensure that all surety regulations were followed, and I was also one of the unit's classified material couriers.

"I really liked the people and the historical significance of Europe," Bains continued. "Although I visited 12 countries while I was there, I still liked Germany the best."

After his discharge from active duty in 1988, Bains joined the Army Reserve. He is an E-6 administrative specialist with Headquarters, 3rd Brigade, 100th Division (Institutional

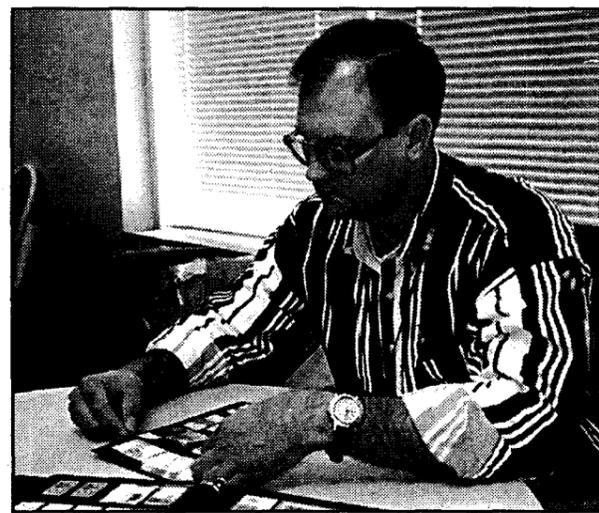


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STAMP OF APPROVAL— Bains adds another stamp to his extensive collection.

Training), in Huntsville. Since completing the Instructor Training Course, Bains serves as an assistant instructor during annual training exercises. He was selected as the 121st Army Reserve Command's NCO of the Year in 1995.

Bains' hobbies include walking and working out at the gym. But his real passion is collecting stamps. "A friend of my grandfather started me collecting stamps when I was about 7 years old," he said. "I've been collecting them ever since."

His extensive collection includes, among others,

vast numbers of American, German and Israeli stamps.

"I like to collect stamps because they tell a lot about the history of the country," he said. "I think knowledge of other countries helps me to be a better citizen, because it makes me more aware of my own country."

Bains admits he is uncertain about what his future may hold. "I've met a lot of neat people and have had a lot of interesting conversations over the years. I'm really happy to be back at Redstone. I guess the most important thing is to be happy, no matter what the future brings."

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Under certain circumstances...

Government workers can accept free attendance offers

The Army Standards of Conduct Office prepared an article on when and under what circumstances employees may accept free attendance at widely attended events such as the AAAA or AUSA conventions or local Chamber of Commerce functions. Gen. Johnnie Wilson, commander of Army Materiel Command, read this article and directed that it be passed "to all senior folks in the command."

Robert Garfield, chief of the general law/intellectual property law division and ethics counselor, has done this in the following "Ethics Advisory 98-01." He said everyone should have a familiarity with the issue.

The Office of Government Ethics (OGE) Standards of Ethical Conduct for Employees of the Executive Branch and DoD Joint Ethics Regulation, DoD 5500.7-R, generally prohibit Executive Branch employees from accepting any gift offered by a prohibited source or because of the employee's official position. However, OGE has established several exceptions to this general prohibition, where gifts may be accepted without undermining government integrity. One of these is attendance at a "widely attended gathering."

Attendance in personal capacity

OGE has identified "widely attended gatherings" as events in which the Army has interest, but which are not necessarily official. Acceptance of free attendance at a "widely attended gathering" is a personal gift, but a gift which may be accepted because it offers an opportunity to represent the Army's interests or share informa-

tion on matters of mutual interest. Typically, the event will be a conference or a seminar, but it could also be a social event, such as a cocktail party. The consistent feature of these events is that they are of sufficient size and diversity to promote the Army's interests.

If an event is "widely attended," an employee may be authorized to accept free attendance at all or part of the event. To qualify as "widely attended," the event (or the relevant portion of the event) must either be open to interested parties from throughout a given industry or profession, or be attended by a number of persons with diverse views or interests. For example, a gathering with a large number of employees of a particular defense contractor, where some Government employees are invited, is not sufficiently diverse. Similarly, a small gathering of 12 individuals with diverse interests is not sufficiently large. Typically, an event must have at least 20 or more individuals attending to qualify under this exception. The determining factor is whether the event will give the employee an opportunity to exchange views or information with a sufficient number of people who represent a variety of views or interests.

There is an additional requirement that applies when someone other than the sponsor of the event bears the cost of the employee's attendance. In that case, the employee may only accept free attendance if either of the following is true:

- (1) The sponsor (not the person bearing the cost) decides who to invite; or

- (2) More than 100 persons are expected to attend the event, and the value of free attendance (including the employee's spouse's attendance, if applicable) does not exceed \$250.

This rule often comes into play when a DoD contractor asks the sponsor of an event to invite certain DoD officials and pays for their attendance. This rule is designed to prevent special interests from buying access to DoD employees. To avoid accepting an offer that violates this rule, employees need to know who is really inviting them, as well as who is paying for their attendance.

Before accepting free attendance at an event under this exception, the employee must always obtain approval from his supervisor. This approval may be verbal or written, but must include a determination that the employee's attendance at the event is in the Army's interest because it will further Army programs or operations. Such interests may include promoting community relations or providing the opportunity to exchange views or technical information with members of a specific profession. If the person or organization that invited the employee to attend has interests that could be affected by the performance of the employee's official duties, the supervisor must make a further written finding that the agency's interest in the employee's attendance outweighs the appearance of improper influence. Supervisors should make this finding in coordination with their ethics counselor. The supervisor may also authorize acceptance of free attendance for

an accompanying spouse or guest if others in attendance will generally be accompanied, and if the offer to the spouse or guest is from the same source as the offer to the employee.

In some cases, supervisors may issue a blanket determination that attendance by all or a specific category of employees and their guests is in the Army's interest. This determination does not, however, eliminate the need for the written finding described above for those employees whose duties could affect the donor's interests. When a blanket determination of interest in an event has been made, supervisors should nevertheless review requests to accept free attendance to ensure that no conflicts of interest exist and to ensure there is value in having that specific employee attend.

This exception does not apply to travel or lodging expenses, entertainment collateral to the event, or meals taken other than in a group setting with all other attendees. In fact, the employee must personally pay for or provide his own transportation to and from the event. It does allow acceptance of conference materials, and meals and entertainment that are integral to the event. Gifts accepted under this exception are personal gifts. When spouses are customarily included in an event, the cost of their participation may also be accepted. Employees who file financial disclosure reports (SF 278 or OGE 450) must report the gift on that report if the total value of all gifts (including any gift of free attendance for an

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Staying prepared...

Test program set division tries to keep weapon systems ready

By Lewis Johnston

The Aviation and Missile systems of today's Army rely on advanced electronic assemblies and subassemblies to perform their defense missions and maintain a state of preparedness. The soldier operator/maintainer is required to maintain the readiness of these systems under adverse conditions. Automatic Test Equipment (ATE) and Test Program Sets (TPSs) provide the soldier the capability to test and repair Aviation and Missile systems both on and off the weapon systems themselves.

ATE consists of computer controlled test equipment which provides stimulus and response measurement capability at a universal connection point. TPSs consist of the hardware and software for interfacing the weapon system electronic assembly or subassembly to the ATE. The TPS software controls the ATE stimulus and measurement capabilities to the electronic assembly or subassembly to accomplish test, fault diagnosis, and repair.

The ATE and TPSs, used to ensure AMCOM weapon systems are combat ready, are low-density high technology systems consisting of complex hardware, software, and logistical support components. The streamlined procurement, short lifecycle, rapid change, and "just in time spares" requirements of ATE and TPSs present a unique management and support

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Building 7631 is home to the TPSMD.

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On your mark, get set, go!...

Troop running track not certified

By Skip Vaughn

Two-mile run testing at Tin City track was about as consistent as playground basketball. It just depended on which unit was doing the timing.

Everybody used the same starting line, but the finish lines varied. As a result, two-milers for one unit might be longer or shorter than for another company.

That's no longer true. As of last week, the course was measured and marked with signs so all soldiers will be running the same distance regardless of unit.

"What the command wanted to do is give a dedicated place where everybody can be assured of running two miles accurately," Sgt. Maj. Lewis Lockett, the acting post sergeant major, said.

The sign at the start shows the laps need for the 2-mile run and two alternative events: the 2.5-mile walk and 6.2-mile bicycle



Photo by Skip Vaughn

SIGN OF TIMES— Lockett says the new signs will eliminate confusion resulting from units measuring their own courses.

ride. Two and three-fourths laps are needed for 2 miles, three and two-fifths laps for 2.5 miles, and eight and a half laps for 6.2-miles. Each finish distance is also marked by a sign.

"This is where we do all the PT (physical training)

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Joey Skinner, of the Directorate of Public Works, measured and certified the courses.

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Sports & Recreation

Sneak preview...

Golfers get chance to take swings on renovated course

By Laurie Jordan

Redstone Arsenal's Hillside Golf Course will temporarily reopen Oct. 17. The nine holes have been closed since January for renovation of the greens, tee complexes, bunkers and upgrading of the irrigation system.

"Intentions are to open the course for a 'sneak preview' for approximately six weeks and then to close it until the spring of 1999, when a Grand Opening Ceremony will be held," course manager and PGA professional Chip Enlow said. "The weather will be the determining factor of how long Hillside will remain open."

In addition to the remodeling of the

greens, tees, and bunkers, several holes were significantly modified.

"All changes represent improvements that will enhance the golfers' enjoyment of the course," Enlow said. "This is not only going to be a more challenging course than it was, but also, more fun to play."

The original pond has been doubled in size and will come into play more on numbers two and nine.

"A new pond has been added that strategically borders the entire right side of number two," Enlow said.

The new greens are approximately 50 percent larger than they were, with substantially more undulations.

"The tees are also much larger and

'senior' tees have been added," Enlow said. "The original nine had 13 sand bunkers. The new course will have 23 bunkers and they are much larger than before."

Even with all the renovations Enlow realizes that Hillside is not "showcase ready."

"I hope our golfers will enjoy the opportunity to play the course this fall," Enlow said, "and not be too critical of its condition. We realize that there are still many bare places and a lot of weeds. The builder, the architect, and course superintendent Larry Underwood assures us that being open a few weeks will not harm the course. That being the case, there didn't seem to be any reason not to give our golfers a little

taste of it."

During this fall's play, liberal "preferred lies" will be adopted, which will allow a golfer to improve the lie of his ball anywhere on the course. Also, strict "cart path only" rules for golf cars will be enforced in many areas throughout the course.

The newest nine (Meadowview) will be closed on weekdays for some needed repairs while Hillside is open.

"All three nines will be open on the weekends, which will allow golfers the option to choose the 18 holes that they wish to play," Enlow said.

(Editor's note: Jordan is an advertising specialist at Directorate of Community and Family Activities marketing.)



Alabama favored this week over Mississippi

Picker also predicts Miss. State will beat Auburn, Florida over LSU

By Skip Vaughn

My college football predictions went 109-30 over five weeks. Here are Skip's Picks for selected games this week:

- Ole Miss at Alabama—Bama
- Arkansas at Memphis—Ark.

- Auburn at Miss. State—Miss. St.
- LSU at Florida—Fla.
- Tennessee at Georgia—Tenn.
- South Carolina at Kentucky—Ky.
- Western Mich. at Vanderbilt—Vandy
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Worth a shot in the arm...

Complications from influenza virus can be a real headache

By Barbara Anderson

The influenza season is rapidly approaching. Each year 20 to 30 percent of the population get the flu. Influenza can lead to serious complications. Pneumonia and exacerbation of heart, lung or other chronic health complications have resulted in increased hospitalizations and deaths during the flu season.

But even if there are no complications, flu sure does make you feel bad. It can temporarily put you out of commission and land you flat on your back for up to several weeks. People at increased risk for getting a serious case of influenza or complications should be immunized against influenza. People at increased risk for complications of the flu include:

- Persons age 64 or older
- Residents of nursing homes or other chronic care facilities that house persons of any age who have chronic medical conditions
- Anyone who has serious long-term health problems with heart, lung disease; asthma; kidney disease, metabolic diseases such as diabetes, anemia or other blood disorders
- Persons who have a weakened immune system as a result of infections such as AIDS, cancer treatments (X-rays or chemotherapy) or drugs.
- Persons age 6 months to 18 years who are on long-term aspirin treatment (who could develop Reye Syndrome if they catch influenza).

This year the Advisory Committee on

Immunization Practices (ACIP) has included pregnant women who will be in their second or third trimester of pregnancy (more than 14 weeks gestation) during the flu season as persons who are at increased risk for influenza-related complications.

Case studies suggest that pregnancy may increase the risk for serious medical complications of flu during pregnancy as a result of increases in heart rate, increases in oxygen demands and decreased lung capacity as the pregnancy progresses. Also, there is a suggestion that changes in immunologic function may be a factor for influenza complications during pregnancy. Studies of pregnant women receiving the flu vaccine have demonstrated no adverse fetal effects. Because current flu vaccines are no longer live-virus vaccines and life-threatening reactions are rare, many experts consider flu vaccination safe during any stage of pregnancy. Anyone pregnant, no matter what stage, should consult their health care provider before immunization for influenza.

Immunization advised

People who can transmit influenza to persons at increased risk for influenza and its complications should most definitely be immunized. These persons may include:

- Physicians, nurses, and personnel in hospital and outpatient settings.
- Employees of nursing homes or chronic-care facilities having contact with patients.
- Providers of home care to persons at increased risk for flu such as visiting nurses, volunteers, workers

Household members (including children) of persons in the high-risk category.

Others who should consider getting immunized against flu may include anyone who wants to reduce their chance of catching the flu bug. Persons who provide essential community services may want to be immunized. Getting the flu during travel or a vacation could certainly cause some inconvenience and disappointment. If you are traveling in the tropics, influenza can occur year-round. In the Southern Hemisphere most influenza activity occurs from April through September. Be sure and review your flu vaccination history and make sure you have been immunized against the current vaccine if you plan on traveling to these areas.

Persons who live in dormitories or students should be encouraged to be immunized against the flu. The influenza vaccine does not adversely affect the safety of breast-feeding for mothers or their infants. Mothers who are breast-feeding can be immunized against the flu.

Persons who should NOT be vaccinated against the flu include persons who have been known to have an anaphylactic (life-threatening) hypersensitivity to eggs or some other component of the influenza

vaccine. These persons should contact their physician before immunization for influenza. Adults with a serious illness or an acute illness with fever should delay being vaccinated until their symptoms have subsided. Minor illnesses, however, with or without fever, do not have to delay vaccination for flu, especially among children with mild upper respiratory tract infections or allergic rhinitis. Individuals who have a history of Guillani-Barre Syndrome should consult with a physician before getting an influenza vaccination.

Common reaction

The most common question asked about influenza immunization is "What are the risks from the flu vaccine?" Almost all people who get the flu shot have no serious problems from it. Like any medicine, vaccines are capable of causing serious problems such as allergic reactions. Allergic reactions probably result from sensitivity to some vaccine component or residual egg protein which plays a part in the manufacture of the vaccine. The most common reaction, however, is a mild, localized soreness, redness or swelling where the shot was given. This soreness is usually minor

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The TPSMD has a modern laboratory containing a wide variety of test equipment and software and hardware development tools. The lab currently has 11 major pieces of multi-functional ATE. There are three Integrated Family of Test Equipment (IFTE) Base Shop Test Facilities (BSTFs). There are four IFTE Commercial Equivalent Equipment (CEE) sets and two Electronic Quality Assurance Test Equipment (EQUATE) sets. There is also one Missile Automated Test Equipment (MATE) set, and a General Radio (GENRAD) test set located in building 7631. The division has multiple computerized software development work stations and manages other ATE at remote sites.

The TPSMD supports over 1100 TPSs worldwide, and is active in development and fielding of new TPSs and ATE. The division also maintains a hardware and software repository, a photo design studio, a worldwide communications hub, and an administrative logistical support area.

The TPSMD is staffed with engineering and multi-skilled government and contractor personnel who provide software development, upgrade, and reproduction, minor repairs to TPS hardware and software items, shipping receiving and storage, technical data generation, prototype fabrication, and manning of a customer support hot-line.

Unique twist

The unique twist to the TPSMD is the integration in the organization of the logistical support staff. These multi-disciplined logisticians provide ATE and TPS major and secondary item management, lifecycle maintenance engineering, development and update of logistics data bases, development and update of electronic and interactive electronic publications and Repair Parts and Special Tools Lists (RPSTLs), evaluation of weapon system and ATE Engineering Change Proposals (ECPs), review and resolution of ATE and TPS field problem

reports, management of Integrated Logistics Support (ILS) milestones, and development and coordination of TPS Management Plans and Materiel Release Certification Packages.

The job of integrating and managing the very different disciplines in the TPSMD falls to the Programs and Operations staff. These personnel provide customer coordination, development and management of ATE and TPS acquisition packages, configuration control of software, hardware, and documentation, budget and cost management, operations and programs oversight, customer requirements consultation, and FMS requirements management.

Adding the personal touch to customer support in the TPSMD is the Automated Test Systems Coordinator Team. The personnel on this team provide coordination of new ATE and TPS requirements and modifications and interface directly with the TPSMD customers to help identify current and future requirements and resolve support issues.

Organizationally, the TPSMD Engineering, Logistical Management, Programs and Operations, and Automatic Test Systems Coordination are separate functional areas which report directly to the RDEC TPS Management Division chief, John Keeton.

Communications and coordination between the separate functional areas within TPSMD has been streamlined through the establishment of integrated product support teams (IPTs). All work is managed as a "project" with cost and schedule tracking.

Work packages are created and defined around customer requirements. The skill mix in the IPTs is drawn from each functional area and is dependent upon the requirements of each project. Some projects may be primarily engineering while others may be primarily logistics. The flat structure of the TPSMD organization combined with the flexible logistical/engineering skill mix provides a cohesive approach to customer support.

Although The TPSMD is a division within MRDEC System Engineering and Production Directorate (SEPD), there is a unique teaming agreement with the IMMC. This innovative team concept between the

two centers provides for the sharing of personnel, funding, and resources required for complete customer support. The teaming spirit between MRDEC and the IMMC has resulted in reduced cost of operations and has increased synergy. In addition to the IMMC teaming agreement, the TPSMD has established teaming relationships with Alabama A&M University, and Tobyhanna Army Depot.

Successes

The TPSMD has successfully developed and implemented a host of initiatives and programs which have resulted in cost savings and increased efficiencies for its customers. The following are a few of the successes credited to the TPSMD's ability to perform:

- Development of a "Command Certification" process for TPSs. This has resulted in reduced materiel development requirements and reduced release time for all TPSs.
- "In House" conversion of TOW and Dragon weapon system support to the Army Standard ATE. This allowed the removal of the obsolete Land Combat Support System (LCSS) from the field, resulting in significant O&S cost savings.
- The reuse of Avenger TPS hardware and software for development of depot level support. This program provided Avenger with depot level capability for repair of secondary items in half the time and at a third the cost of conventional depot support programs.
- Concurrent development of MLRS TPSs with weapon system modifications. This allowed MLRS to provide total package fielding of modifications and support, reducing the cost of initial spares support.
- Enhancement of TPS programs with

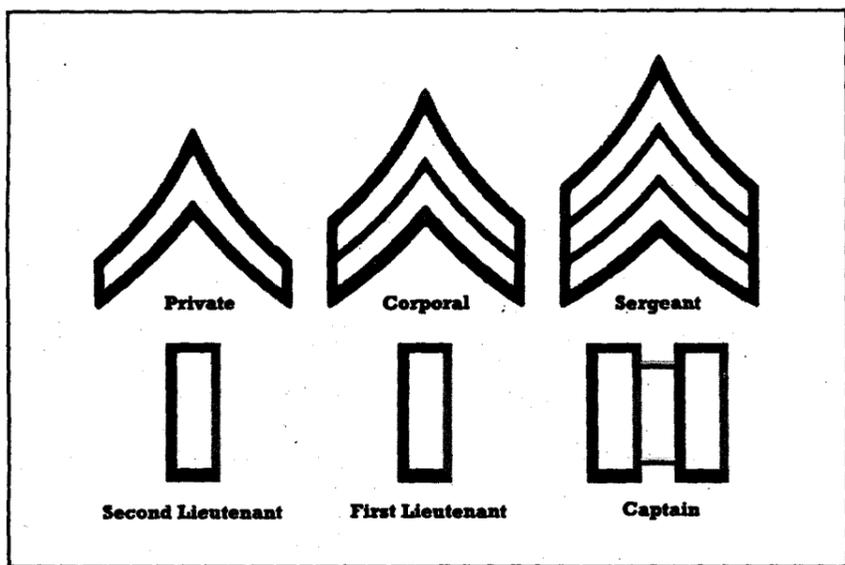
digital photo imaging. The implementation of this technology has reduced TPS development cost and improved TPS quality and user friendliness.

- Implementation of a "Minor Repair" capability for TPS hardware and software. This has provided timely customer support, increased equipment readiness, and reduced customer requirements for on-hand stocks.
- Use of a "Customer Hot Line." This provides the TPSMD customers with real time resolution of technical and logistical issues. The "Hot Line" has reduced mean time to repair and increased system readiness.
- Teaming with other commands, services, industry, and academia. This has expanded the technical capabilities of the TPSMD, and resulted in shared program cost and expanded knowledge to the ATE and TPS community in general.

The determination to meet changing customer needs, the blending of organizational functions, the willingness to think "out of the box," and the courage to put innovative ideas into action has positioned the TPSMD as a leader in the lifecycle management of ATE and TPSs. The TPSMD stands capable and ready to satisfy the challenging requirements of automated maintenance and test today and into the future.

To learn more about how the TPS Management Division can support your organization, call the Aviation Systems point-of-contact, Phil Dussault 876-5922, or the Missile Systems POC, Lewis Johnston 876-6019.

(Editor's note: Johnston works in the Test Program Set Management Division.)



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Regarding office politics...

Workers should elect to follow Hatch Act provisions on campaigns

By Meloney Jones

A federal worker comes to work wearing a jacket decorated with political campaign buttons. The supervisor asks him to remove the buttons, and the worker gets upset.

"Why do I have to take off my campaign buttons? I'm just showing my support for my candidate," he says.

Wearing political buttons while on duty is prohibited under the Hatch Act, the supervisor explains.

This scenario is fiction; however, the penalty for violating the Hatch Act is real. Federal employees who violate the Hatch Act can be removed or suspended for at least 30 days.

With the general election coming up in November, federal employees are reminded about the provisions of the Hatch Act which governs their conduct during political elections and campaigns.

Here are examples of do's and don'ts for the federal employees under this act.

Federal employees may not:

- Use official authority or influence to interfere with an election
- Solicit or discourage political activity of anyone

with business before their agency

— Solicit or receive political contributions (may be done in certain limited situations by federal labor or other employee organizations)

— Be candidates for public office in partisan elections

— Wear political buttons on duty

— Engage in political activity while on duty in a government office.

Federal employees may:

— Be candidates for public office in non-partisan elections

— Register and vote as they choose

— Assist in voter registration drives.

— Express opinions about candidates and issues

— Contribute money to political organizations

— Attend political fund-raising functions

— Attend and be active at political rallies and meetings

— Join and be an active member of a political party or club

— Sign nominating petitions

— Campaign for or against referendum questions, constitutional amendments, municipal ordinances

— Campaign for or against candidates in parti-

san elections

— Make campaign speeches for candidates in partisan elections

— Distribute campaign literature in partisan elections

— Hold office in political clubs or parties

For more information on the Hatch Act employees should call the Office of Special Counsel at (202) 653-7188 or 1-800-854-2824 or write the Office of Special Counsel, 1730 M St. NW, Suite 300; Washington, D.C. 20036. The OSC webpage is: <http://www.access.gpo.gov/osc/>.

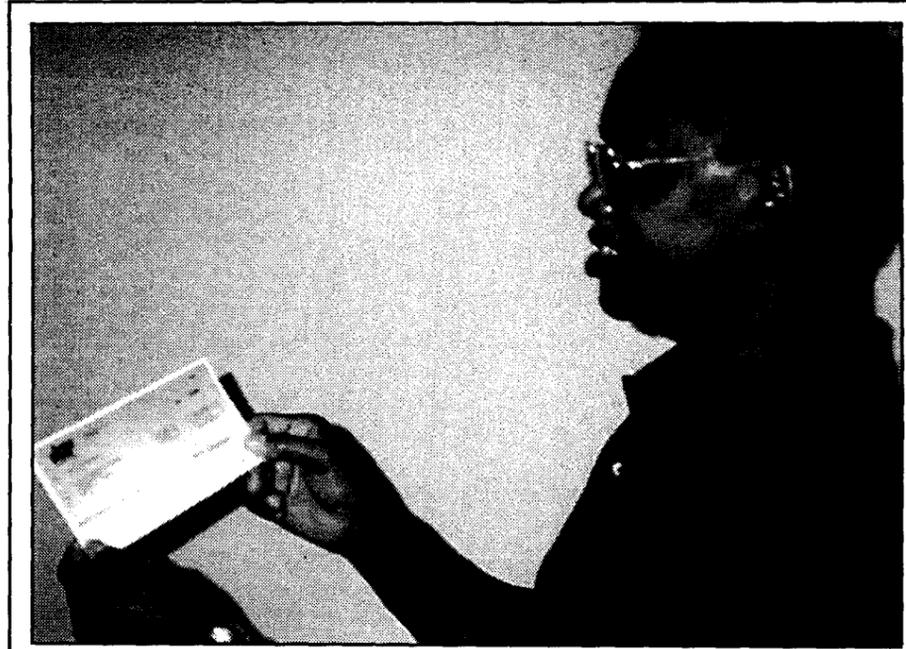


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Lucky winner...

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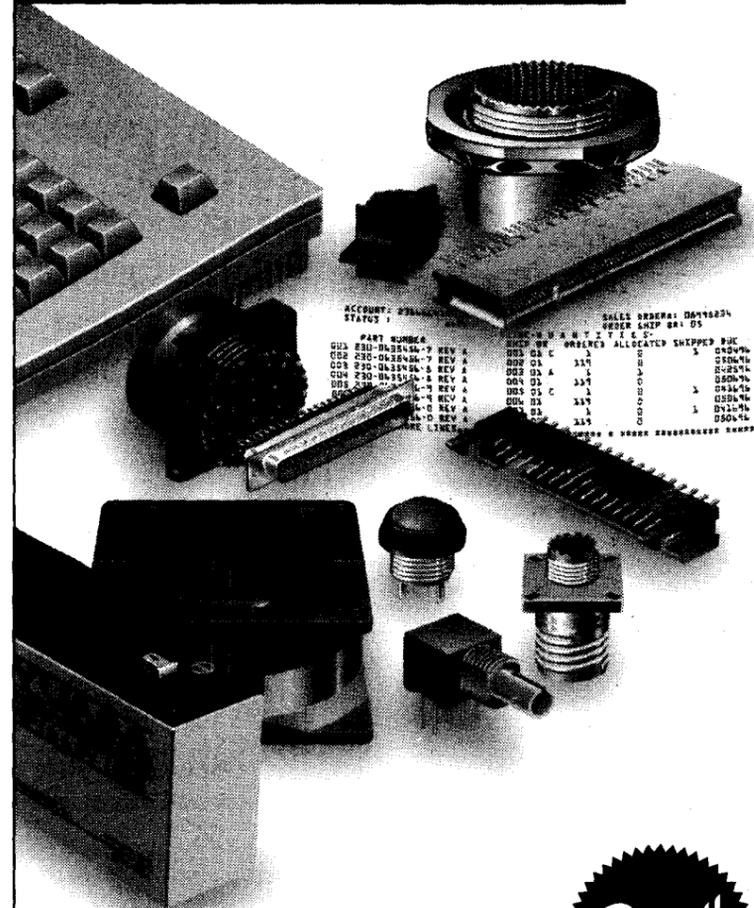
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Members of the Redstone community are invited. "They should be aware that they should arrive early in as much as the event will be well-attended," Burroughs said. "Overflow parking will be at the Flying Activity on Hale Road. And bus transportation will be provided to the ceremony up until 8:40 a.m."

This is just one of several construc-

tion projects under way at Redstone. Others include the following:

- The Missile and Space Intelligence Center, a \$32 million complex with 207,000 square feet, being built since January with expected completion in August 1999 and occupancy by December 1999. Drivers on Fowler Road may notice roadways extending to the north which will eventually be entrances to the new complex.
- Upgrade for \$3 million to barracks building 3499 with completion in March 1999. There will be a follow-on project every year for the next three years to renovate four barracks buildings on Aerobee Road.
- Renovation on three of the visiting officers quarters' buildings for \$3.3 million with completion in April 1999.
- Nine holes on the Hillside course at

Redstone Golf Course are being renovated with non-appropriated funds of \$878,000. A "sneak preview" opening is scheduled from about mid-October to early December before the nine holes close for the winter, according to Valerie Shippers, an engineer in master planning division.

"This is probably the most construction we've had ongoing since the original Sparkman year (1992)," Davis said. "And we have several other projects we're working on and we're hoping they'll come to fruition so we can continue to provide high-quality facilities for the residents and employees of Redstone Arsenal."

"This is evidence of the continued growth of the Tennessee Valley," Burroughs said, "and the teamwork that has been ongoing between Redstone and the surrounding communities."

FLU

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and lasts only a couple of days. You cannot get influenza from the vaccine.

This year you can receive immunization against influenza at no cost. Fox Army Health Center is offering immunizations at the following locations—remember to wear loose-fitting short sleeves to decrease waiting time:

- Active duty soldiers only: Post Theater (building 3712): Oct. 23 from 5 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- Military retirees, family members of active duty soldiers and retirees (age 18 and older) and Department of Defense (DoD) civilians at the Post Theater, building 3712: 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Oct. 20; 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. Oct. 21; 8 a.m. to noon Oct. 22; and 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. Oct. 26.
- Evening hours are offered at the Fox Army Health Center Immunization Clinic for military retirees, family members of active duty and retired military (age 9 and older), and DoD civilians. They are: 5-7 p.m. Oct. 20, Oct. 22 and Oct. 27.

Military beneficiaries who are interested in a flu shot for their children who may be identified as increased risk for complications from influenza (conditions such as lung disease, asthma, heart disease, etc.) should contact their provider or call 955-8888 to make arrangements for immunization.

Don't miss your chance at protection from influenza this year. If you have questions or need more information, call the Public Health and Education Center, Fox Army Health Center at 842-0196.

Editor's note: Anderson is a community health nurse at Fox Army Health Center.

VILLAGE

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organization, with no federal or state land or money. We are doing it privately as a bunch of volunteers," he said, adding that the Association has a 16-member board of directors with the Redstone Retirement Village as their only project.

"The community will be primarily retired military. We are putting it up and we want to take care of our needs."

The village is expected to have a combination of apartments, duplexes and individual homes with a total of

about 200 residences. In 1996, 130 people had already made initial reservation deposits of \$1,000 for singles and \$1,500 for couples, toward the project. This deposit puts them first in line for the housing as it becomes available.

Construction on the \$38 million project is expected to begin in middle to late 1999. For more information as it becomes available, write to Redstone Village, 10027 Greenview Dr., SE, Huntsville, AL 35803.



Activities for Morale, Welfare and Recreation include the following:

• **Food program**— Public notice is hereby given that Child Development Services will sponsor the U.S. Department of Agriculture and the State Department of Education, Child and Adult Care Food Program, in licensed Family Day Care Homes on Redstone Arsenal. Assurance is hereby given that all children in attendance are served the same meals at no separate charge, regardless of race, color, national origin, age, sex, or disability, and there is no discrimination in the course of the food service. For information call Elizabeth L. Jones 955-6309.... Child Development Services announces its participation in the USDA Child Care Food Program. Balanced and nutritious meals will be available at no separate charge to all enrolled persons at the Child Development Center and School Age Services; and they will be provided without regard to race, color, national origin, age, sex, or disability. If you believe you or anyone has been discriminated against write immediately to Administrator, Food and Nutrition Service, 30101 Park Center Drive, Alexandria, Va., 22302.

• **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

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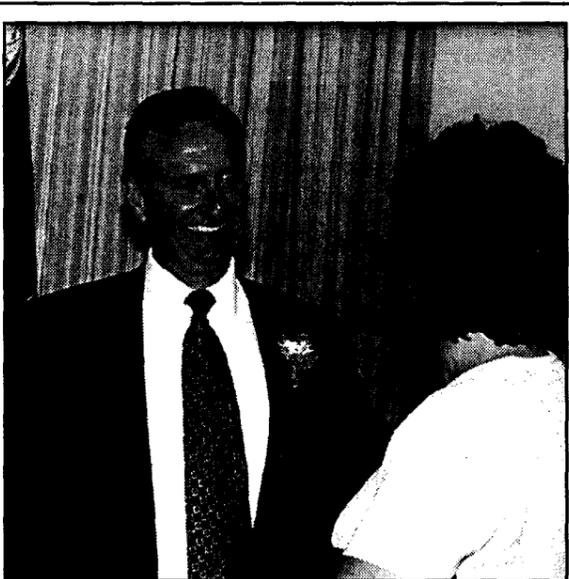


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RASA retiree...

Steve Carter, executive assistant at Redstone Arsenal Support Activity, is congratulated Sept. 30 on retiring with more than 37 years service.

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"We didn't talk about the war, at all," Higgins said. "We ate, laughed, had fun, drank but never talked about the war."

Higgins played Santa Claus during his two-week trip. Besides all the gifts they'd brought from the states, he bought six bicycles for the children, three televisions, paid to have excavation work done at one of the family's homes and gave away a lot of cash

to the relatives.

"It was wonderful," Higgins said. "The look on Ly's sister's face when we gave her that huge umbrella with the flashlight on the end. She stands in the hot sun all day selling gasoline in bottles to people on mo-peds. To have the umbrella brought tears to her eyes."

The average house in Cantho costs about \$3,000. Jim and Ly hope to build a home on her mother's property large enough for the entire family. They estimate it to cost \$15,000.

"All the material posses-

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.

sions, fancy cars and big houses, it just doesn't mean much to me any more," Higgins said. "Being able to help my relatives, that is what makes me feel good."

When Higgins and his wife were preparing to leave the country, Higgins was talking to his brother-in-law and noticed that he was using a wire as a belt to hold up his pants. Higgins took off his belt and gave it to him. "That's what life's all about— giving."

is looking for people who want to show their entertainment talent or model at the Fashion/Talent Show, Nov. 21 at the Recreation Center. If interested call PFC Lisa McIntosh, BOSS publicity officer, 876-6752 by Oct. 15.

• **Halloween bash**— A "Halloween Bash," sponsored by the BOSS Committee, will be held Oct. 31 from 9 p.m. to midnight at the JOC Club. Wear your "hair-raising best." There will be "jammin'," games, prizes and fun," a prepared release said. Tickets are \$5 in advance and \$6 at the door. For more information call Spec. Thasha Boyd, BOSS secretary, 876-3900.

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

• **Fashion show**— The Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers (BOSS) Committee

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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.



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.

Breast cancer month

For Breast Cancer Awareness Month, 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 call Barbara Anderson, community health nurse, Public Health and Education Center, Fox Army Health Center at 842-0196; or call the Surgery Clinic 876-4228.

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 civilians, 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

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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.

Blood program

Here's the Red Cross blood program schedule for this month: Oct. 8— from 7 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at building 5309, first floor, room 9128; call Rickey Moore 876-6463 or Vivian Paschel 876-6511. Oct. 9— from 7 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at building 4488, Fran King 842-7399 or Mallory Murray 842-7602. Oct. 16— from 8 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at building 4752, NASA, Edwina Bressette 544-8115. Oct. 23— from 7 until noon at Corps of Engineers, Linda Merschman 895-1580 or Bill Chaffin 895-1581; and from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. at SMDC, Al Longhi 955-5901.

Special blood drive

A special blood drive, sponsored by the Huntsville Channel Cats professional hockey club— with the theme "Give Blood, Play Hockey"— will be held Friday. The Cats are encouraging folks to give a pint of blood by offering two tickets to any regular season home game. The blood drive is scheduled for Friday from 6 a.m. until 2 p.m. at the Red Cross office, 1101 Washington St. For more information, call 536-0084 ext. 340.

Miscellaneous

Retirement ceremony

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

Milstake competition

The 832nd Ordnance Battalion will host its annual Milstake competition Friday 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.

Resource managers

The American Society of Military Comptrollers will hold a luncheon at 11:30 a.m. Thursday 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-members. For reservations call Janet Sierna 955-3890.

Hispanic month

Hispanic Heritage Month events include a film presentation of "Hero Street, USA" at 9 a.m. Thursday in the Sparkman Auditorium. A Latin Festival will be held 4-6 p.m. Friday 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 Saturday 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 Hoepfer, 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.

Author signing

John Weedman, author of "Desperately Seeking Snoozin," will appear 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Oct. 11 at the Post Exchange for a book signing session.

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.

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.

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.

PX news

On Oct. 3 the Furniture Store, building

3230 began a three-week event featuring oriental rugs. This offers hand-woven and machine-made treasures from around the world. The Furniture Store is open 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday and 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Sunday.

Warrant officers

Join the RSA Chapter of the U.S. Army Warrant Officer Association for lunch and monthly meeting at 11 a.m. Oct. 14 at the Redstone Arsenal Club. "Get your lunch and join us upstairs in the Regimental Room for a casual lunch, conversation, and our monthly meeting," a prepared release said. All active duty, reserve, and retired warrant officers of all services are invited. For more information, call CWO John Blackmon 722-0862 or 876-3195.

Sci-fi convention

Huntsville's 17th annual "Con*Stellation Science Fiction Convention" will be held from noon Friday through noon Sunday at the Sheraton Hotel, Huntsville International Airport. Main features will include talks by science fiction author Mike Resnick and space artist Bob Eggleton, art show, merchandise, costume contest & fashion show, board & computer games, videos, dance, children's events, free food & soft drinks, and lots of fun. Admission is \$35 for ages 11 and up, \$15 for ages 4-10; and free for children 3 and under. Free validated parking. For more information, call Marie 880-8210 or Ron Lajoie 971-3055.

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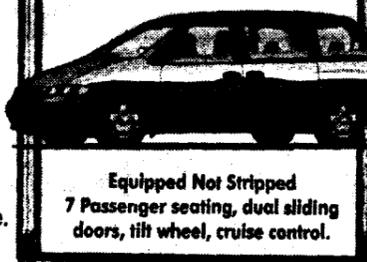
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Travelogue series

Purchase your tickets now for the 1998-99 Huntsville Kiwanis Club Travelogue Program. Motion pictures narrated in person by world travelers give you the opportunity to see Britain, Iceland, Hawaii, Alaska, Finland and Jerusalem. All six presentations are held monthly (except December) in the Huntsville High School Auditorium. They started Oct. 6 and continue through April 6. Season tickets are \$20 for adults and \$15 for senior citizens and students. For more information call Charles Urban, Acquisition Center, 955-8764.

Catholic women

MCCW (Military Council of Catholic Women) invites all Catholic women of the Redstone Arsenal community (valid ID

cardholders) to a potluck dinner and meeting Oct. 13 at 5:30 p.m. in the assembly room of Bicentennial Chapel. Childcare will be available. For more information, call Renee Gardiner 837-1289

Plastic modelers

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

Helicopter society

The American Helicopter Society (AHS) Redstone Chapter will hold its Membership Appreciation Barbecue from 4-7 p.m. Oct. 22 at the Col. Carroll Hudson Recreation Area. This event is free to all members and \$10 for non-members. No charge for new members joining on-site. For more information, call Tim Kraatz 726-3684 or Norb Patla 885-7108.

St. Louis commuters

The Oct. 8-12 bus to St. Louis is a go. "Pass the word we're on the road again," a prepared release said. "Thirty riders have sent in checks or verbally committed to riding the Oct. 8 bus. We're still a few riders short of break-even, but we're hopeful more riders will come forward. Thanks to each of you for committing early enough to keep the bus rolling." Upcoming bus dates include Oct 29- Nov. 1, Nov. 25-29, and Dec. 10-13. Commitments/payments are required two weeks prior to each departure. For more information, call Dennis Earley 313-2406 or Dan 313-2809.

CWF council

Civilian Welfare Fund Council tickets for "Peter Pan" are available for the Oct. 21 evening performance. Cost is \$41. Money due today.... For anyone still interested in the Helen, Ga., trip Nov. 7-8: Money is now due. A few seats are still available. Cost \$94.00. Departs at 7:30 a.m. Return around 7 p.m. Sunday. Cost includes admission into the German Pavilion area. For more information, call Mary Ann Meyer-Schuck 313-1698.

Marine Corps league

The Marine Corps League will meet at 6:30 p.m. Oct. 13 at the American Legion Post 237 on Drake Avenue. All active and formerly active Marines are invited.

Business women

Ala-Hunt Chapter of the American Business Women's Association will hold its annual membership drive at 5:30 p.m. Oct. 13 at the Holiday Inn/Research Park.

Scheduled speaker is Erika Lathon, news reporter for WAAY-TV Channel 31. For dinner reservations, call 881-6043. The Ala-Hunt Chapter meets the second Tuesday of every month.

Union meeting

AFGE Local 1858 will hold its monthly membership meeting at 5:30 p.m. Oct. 13 at the Union Office in building 3202 on Mauler Road. All collective bargaining unit employees are encouraged to attend. For more information, call 881-7430 or 876-4880.

Fashion show

The American Girls Fashion Show, sponsored by Huntsville Junior League, will be held Oct. 17-18 at the Von Braun Center, North Hall. Shows are 9:30 a.m., 1 p.m. and 4:30 p.m. Oct. 17; and 1 p.m. and 4:30 p.m. Oct. 18. For tickets (\$20 each), call the Huntsville Junior League office 533-3554.

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Thrift Shop job

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Sealed bid sale

A sealed bid sale of government surplus property will be held Oct. 19 at building 7405 on Warehouse Road. Bids should be submitted by 8 a.m. Oct. 19 via fax 876-9634, in person or mail. Verbal bids won't be accepted. Property inspection and bid submission are scheduled 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Oct. 14-16. To view material for the sale and to submit bids, report to building 7420 on White Oak Road. For more information, call Donna Davis 842-2570 or Elizabeth Couch 842-9474.

Southern alumni

Southern University Alumni Federation, Huntsville Area Chapter will hold the inaugural Ramous H. Morgan Memorial Scholarship Foundation "Victory Jam" at 8:30 p.m. Saturday in the ballroom of the Holiday Inn Research Park, 5903 University Drive. All proceeds will go to the scholarship foundation. Tickets are \$12 in advance, \$15 at the door. For more information, call Jim Foster 864-0316 or Sherley Lawrence 722-8955.

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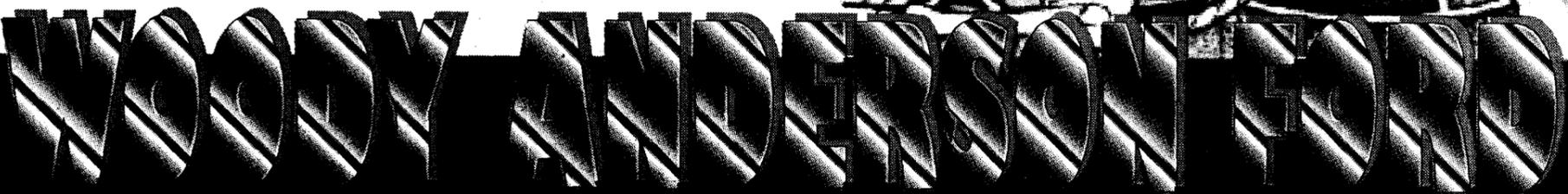
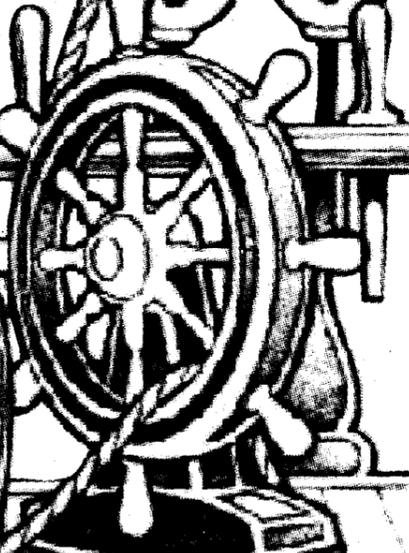


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