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Army temporarily pulls plug on its public web sites

Too much was going out too soon to too many people worldwide

By Skip Vaughn

Like many others, the Army got all caught up in the Internet craze.

More and more information was available; and just about everything anyone wanted to know could be found on somebody's web site. Then earlier this year, the Defense Department conducted a wargame to see if sensitive information could be accessed by the public. The results hit DoD right in the middle of its keyboard. Bits and pieces from various defense web sites could be gathered to gain information about personnel, lessons learned, locations and so on.

Examples included a military leader's unlisted telephone number which was gained from a commercial Internet web site outside the Army. At Fort Myer, Va., a floor plan of a top Army official's office was located on the Internet. DoD said this has got to stop. Deputy Secretary of Defense John Hamre on Sept. 25 directed a department-wide review of information placed on publicly available Internet sites of the Department of Defense.

The Army gave its installations three options: Turn off your web site; disconnect the wire to your wide area network; or limit access to internal use only.

"We chose the third option," Robert Brown, the AMCOM webmaster, said. "So, if you're at work you can still get all the information that we previously had on the web site. You just can't get it on outside services such as AOL (America Online), CompuServe, or local ISPs (Inter-

net Service Providers)."

That was just the first phase at the Aviation and Missile Command. The Intelligence and Security Directorate formed an information review team that is reviewing all information on web sites which need to be public at AMCOM. The goal is to complete that review within 60 days.

"This only affected the public web sites. It did not affect web sites that had already implemented security procedures," Brown, a member of the Corporate Information Center, said.

Hamre issued his directive at 5 p.m. Friday, Sept. 25; and AMCOM began shutting down its web sites at noon Sept. 26. "It took us approximately a week to identify and shut down all public web sites so that they could be reviewed," Brown said.

About 70 public web sites, with 19 webmasters, were identified. Intelligence and Security asked all the organizations that were operating web sites to categorize their sites as one of the following: mission critical, business sensitive, or informational. The eight sites identified as mission critical— including the Acquisition Center, Enhanced Fiber Optic Guided Missile (EFOGM), Logistics Support Activity, and Redstone Scientific Information Center — are now back on line.

The 12 sites identified as business sensitive— including Corporate Information Center, Missile Research Development and Engineering Center, and Aviation RDEC — should be back on line by the end of October.

The remaining 50 informational sites

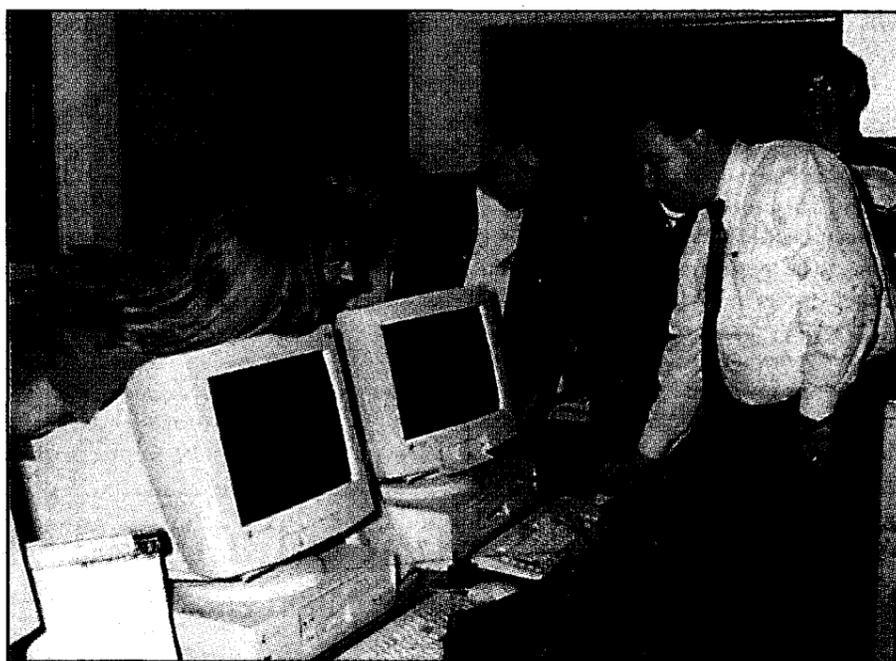


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ETHICS CLASS— Brown presents a talk on "Computer Ethics" to 10th and 11th-grade students at Buckhorn High School as part of the AMCOM Speakers Bureau program.

will gradually return to public cyberspace by the end of November. These include the Historical Office, Safety Office, and Public Affairs, among others. Some sites are just one or two pages long; and others include several hundred pages of information. The larger sites will take longer to review because of their size "but as soon as they are cleared, they're placed back on line," Brown said.

These sites are still available at AMCOM workplaces but not by the public at large on the Internet. The Main AMCOM web site address for internal

users is: intranet.redstone.army.mil.

That internal or intranet address actually started in August, a month before Hamre's directive.

"We had already recognized the need and had already begun to implement a higher security awareness before we knew that Hamre was also working on a directive," Brown said.

The Army took Hamre's directive a step further than the other military services by shutting down its public web sites pending

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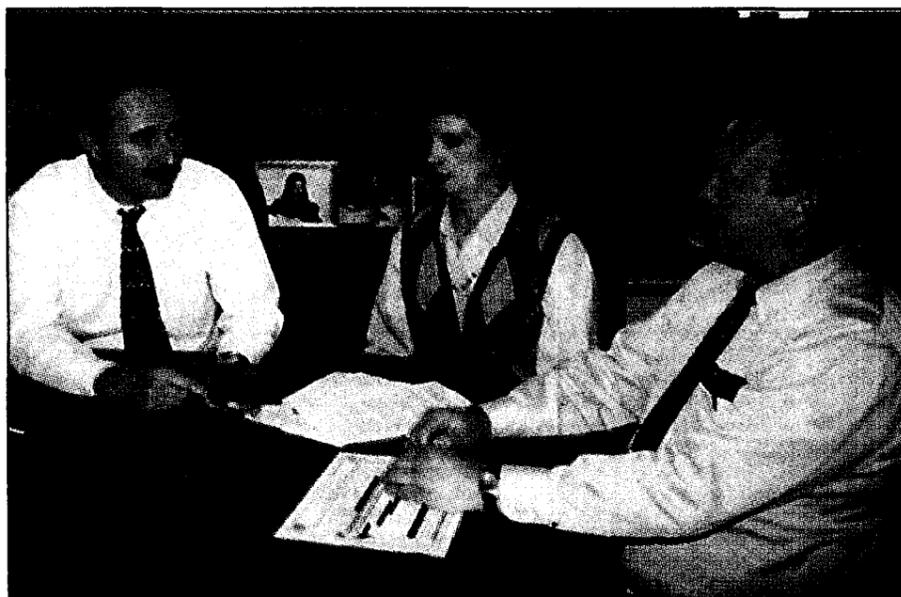


Photo by Sandy Riebeling

TEAMWORK— Making it better, faster and for less money is the goal for Reynolds, and team leaders Karen Caudle, Value Engineering, and Alan Greene, Operating and Support Cost Reduction.

Saving funds...

Cost-cutting programs getting their money's worth, exceeding goals

By Sandy Riebeling

Setting money saving records and exceeding their own cost reduction goals has become commonplace for the Aviation and Missile Command's Value Engineering program and the Operating and Support Cost Reduction program. FY '98 is no exception with a combined total of \$989 million in projected savings.

Although the two pro-

grams are separate with specific target markets and fiscal recording guidelines, they both, generally, identify problem areas within aviation and missile systems and provide alternatives, usually resulting in a cost savings.

The OSCR program, managed by the Army Materiel Command, deals with spare parts and repairs. The program identifies which parts are wearing out quickly and are the

most costly to maintain and replace.

Alternatives are developed through redesign, prototypes and testing, which may result in switching supply sources from government to commercial, extended life cycle through additional testing, insertion of new technologies or a combination. Usually the result is multi-faceted. Cost is reduced while performance

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Letters To The Editor

Housing logic

In houses 1200-1300 (the first block of brick housing), there are plans to tear down these houses in the future as funding permits. One year ago they stopped putting people into those houses knowing they are going to be torn down. At the same time, new roofs were put on them and new storm doors. In 1996 new gas lines were installed. In 1992 new bathrooms were put in.

In the meantime, I live down the street in one of the houses with siding. My yard was one of those torn up for the gas lines for the brick houses. I had to fix the yard. Our quarters had not been painted for some time before we moved in over three years ago. There is paint chipping, peeling, and cracking throughout; though I have been assured by Northrop Grumman that it is not lead based without having tested it.

I have no new roof, no new bathroom, no new storm doors, not to mention no new cabinets, and no new paint. But I do have linoleum tile floors that are very difficult to keep clean. I've had the usual fight with roaches, ants, wasps, and the like. And the housing office tells me that I can't even have a new storm door.

"The (vacant brick) houses are government property and a storm door allocated to one house cannot be taken off and put on another. That belongs to the contractor who bids to tear it down," Ron Poteat, of Housing, said. Though I cannot for the life of me understand this, I have yet to get a satisfactory explanation. If particular housing is going to be torn down, then why can't the funding to do improvement be rescinded and designated elsewhere? I pay taxes, it's my money too. I wouldn't dare spend money on something that I know I'm going to throw away. I think my spouse would divorce me if I did something that stupid—or at least not let me handle the money any more. Meanwhile, the houses with all those

improvements will sit empty until torn down. And my family will continue to live in this house for another two years. Where is the logic? I don't really want to move to new housing, even if it were available because I have put a lot of work into this yard and I would like to avoid the work and expense of moving into new housing, working to make it a home and work to make the yard nice, just to turn around and move a short time later when transferred. It would make our remaining time here much more pleasant and cost effective to just have a new storm door, some new paint, and ceiling fans installed. All of that would take a weekend and cost less than a move. But then I don't have the logic and wisdom of the Army.

Name withheld by request

Editor's note: Family Housing provided the following response. "The roofs in Area 7 (1200 and 1300 area) were replaced beginning in 1995, prior to military downsizing and reduction in family housing inventory. The roofs were rapidly deteriorating causing damage to the occupants' personal properties due to roof leaks. Costs for damages to personal property of this nature are borne by the government. After many patch jobs and more leakage in more quarters, it became most cost effective to replace the roofs.

"New gas lines were replaced throughout the whole housing area. Replacement was necessary due to the numerous gas leaks. The yards destroyed during this project were repaired after the government inspected the main lines and was ensured no additional digging was necessary. This process may have taken longer than some occupants cared to wait so they attempted to repair the yards themselves. When the contractor found the yards already repaired, he proceeded to the next yard requiring repair.

"The plans to renovate the quarters in Area 7 and the funds allocated for the renovation occurred prior to receipt of instructions to further reduce the family housing

inventory. The storm doors in Area 8 (quarters with vinyl siding) were special ordered to fit doors with steel jambs. The quarters in Area 7 have wooden door jambs and will require considerable modification by qualified mechanics. Any and all salvageable materials in this area will be removed and reused in other areas prior to award of a demolition contract.

"Family housing quarters are not normally painted while occupied. Occupants are allowed to paint the inside of their quarters after residing there for 18 months. Paint and supplies are available at the Self Help Center.

"There is a list for occupants in certain areas that can receive the quarters upgrade, including ceiling fans. Please contact the Family Housing office for more information on this matter. The point of contact is Ronnie Brooks, 876-7143."

Unrecognized

The article by Skip Vaughn regarding the "success story" of the ATCOM move from St. Louis (Sept. 30 Rocket) did omit a few things.

As a member of the CIC Telecommunications Support team and a former St. Louis resident (August 1997), I wanted to call attention to the fact that our team is not part of the "others (who) have left the government..."

We are still here!

Unacknowledged, ignored and subjected to the type of benign neglect we have come to expect from AMCOM's cloistered management, we continue to perform our assignments (telephone workorders, adds, moves, changes and installs) day after day, unrecognized nor appreciated.

The BRAC move from St. Louis was certainly "massive."

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Test stand pioneer dies

Lowell M. Anderson, 90, of Huntsville died Oct. 12 at a Jackson, Tenn., hospital.

Anderson was a native of Sandstone, Minn., and was a graduate of the University of Minnesota with a bachelor's degree in architecture. He designed and built many large construction projects, including the rocket engine vibration test stand at Marshall Space Flight Center, once the tallest man-made structure in Alabama. Other projects he built were the Honolulu Airport, a series of large dams in the Midwest, boat docks in Baltimore and Pascagoula, Miss., and the Monte Sano Pool, which is named in his honor.

Survivors include his wife, Elizabeth Lee Gwin Anderson of Huntsville, and one stepson, Richard David Anderson.

Blackout Luncheon event generates potential savings

Energy conservation encouraged for every day of the year to reduce cost

By Morton Archibald

Oct. 1st was a Hundred-Grand Thursday. You proved that you could save Redstone Arsenal \$105,000 per year—enough to pay more than two salaries—just by cutting off unneeded lights and equipment. You reduced demand at Redstone Arsenal by 1 percent.

Oct. 1st was the Blackout Luncheon sponsored by the Missile Research and Development Center (MRDEC). They asked you to turn off all unneeded electrical items as you left for lunch that day. Many of you did!

While you proved you can save Redstone Arsenal \$105,000 per year, we have not actually saved anything yet. In order to see actual savings we must use the same vigilance every day of the year.

Voltage drops

Demand charges are the penalty we pay TVA when our maximum use far exceeds our average use. A utility provider must be able to supply the maximum demand the user needs. If he fails to do so, we have "brown-outs," or voltage drops.

This seriously damages air conditioners, computers, and other electronic equipment. This makes customers unhappy.

On the other hand, whenever customers use far less than the maximum, the utility provider has a lot of excess capacity going to waste. Demand charges are designed to encourage customers to use more during off-peak periods and less during peak times. Peak demand at Redstone Arsenal is between 11 a.m. and 3 p.m.

Think of it as if you were renting a truck from U-Haul, Ryder, Hertz, or some other local dealer. Rate structures are based on a daily use charge plus a mileage charge. The mileage charge is about the same no matter what size truck you rent, but the daily use charge varies greatly with the size of the truck you choose to rent.

Now imagine you need to rent a truck to haul a lot of small packages over short distances, and you are constantly picking up and delivering packages all day and night. You must rent a truck big

enough to handle the largest load you expect to have, but the more you can spread out your shipments, the smaller truck you can rent. This could save you money. Demand charges are like the daily use fees for renting a truck, while the consumption charges are more like the mileage rates.

Reducing demand

Demand charges are simply \$12.60 per kilowatt of maximum demand during any 30-minute period of each month. In other words, the maximum amount of electricity we use during that highest 30-minute period of a given month determines how much we pay. This totals millions of dollars each year. We can save money during any month—not just during the summer—by reducing our maximum demand.

Now it would be best if half of us could work from 8:30 p.m. until 3 a.m. Some people are "day" people, and some people are "evening" people. My youngest daughter is nocturnal and would probably be delighted with the schedule I proposed above. Most of us, however,

would find the idea impractical to say the least.

What we can do is try to schedule as much of our big energy using activities as we can in the morning as early as possible. MRDEC does some of their big-demand operations at night to take advantage of the off-peak rates. Everyone can be especially careful during peak demand periods—11 a.m. until 3 p.m.—to turn off anything that is not being used. Please be sure to do this when you will be out of the office for even a few minutes.

Mike McCoy of the MRDEC energy team feels that a 1-percent savings is only the beginning. If supervisors will encourage everyone to be energy conscious every day, we can do much better than 1 percent.

Would you turn out unused lights and turn off unneeded equipment, if it would save someone's job? What if it was your job?

(Editor's note: Archibald is team leader of the AMCOM Energy Team. He is a registered professional engineer with the Directorate of Public Works.)

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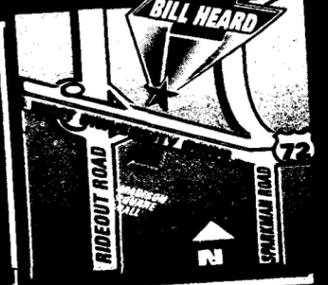
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Adding space...

Post Exchange has growing plans starting in early 1999

By John Allen

Shoppers at the Post Exchange will soon have their visits disrupted by construction. But PX general manager Kenny Barton says that when finished, patrons will like the result.

A \$3.2 million expansion/renovation project will add 5,000 square feet of shopping space to the PX and will add 140 seats in the Food Court. The remodeled Food Court will also come with a large, new solarium and a drive-through window. The mall entrance, and adjoining greenhouse-like solarium, will give it a

completely new look. Interior walls will be reconfigured to provide additional merchandise display space. All-new, modern fixtures for displaying merchandise will also be installed, providing for easy shopping with wider aisles.

"Much of the space we are gaining comes from above the current display shelves," Barton said. "In other words, we're going with the trend in this industry by going upward with taller display shelves and racks." Similarly, a mezzanine will be built in the stock room for greater storage capacity in

the existing space.

According to Barton, the store will remain open during the construction process. "All construction will be performed in phases, with the first phase being the Food Court," he said.

The construction on the 21-year-old facility is expected to take approximately six months, and will begin early in 1999.

Barton said that all PXs pay for their own construction and renovation costs. The buildings are then turned over to the military for maintenance.

Unlike the Commissary



Photo by John Allen

SOLARIUM SITE— Barton points to where solarium will be built on PX

next door to the PX, which receives partial support from the DoD, the PX receives no government

funding. In fact, it makes a profit. But Barton said that all profits are returned to MWR (morale, welfare, &

recreation) for support of gyms, swimming pools, golf courses, and other outdoor recreation programs.

Listening to shoppers...

DeCA names consumer advocate for commissary patrons Defense-wide

FORT LEE, Va.— The Defense Commissary Agency (DeCA) has named Kaye Fannin as the agency's consumer advocate for commissary shoppers.

She is responsible for establishing and improving mutual communications between commissary patrons and agency officials. Fannin will bring the customer's point of view to management policy and decision-making within DeCA. She will be the agency's principal liaison with groups representing commissary patrons and other military quality of life stakeholders.

"I believe that any business gets better when it listens to its customers," Fannin said. "I'm excited by this opportunity to work closely with commissary shoppers,

and voice their suggestions and concerns to the DeCA management. By encouraging open communications with our shoppers, I believe that the Defense Commissary Agency will excel in its efforts to provide our customers with superior quality products and outstanding customer service."

No stranger to the commissary system, Fannin has worked with commissaries since the beginning of her civil service career nearly 20 years ago. She started as a clerk-typist for the Troop Support Agency (TSA), the former Army commissary system, in December 1978. Her past assignments include: staffing clerk for TSA; personnel management specialist intern for the Fort Lee Civilian Personnel

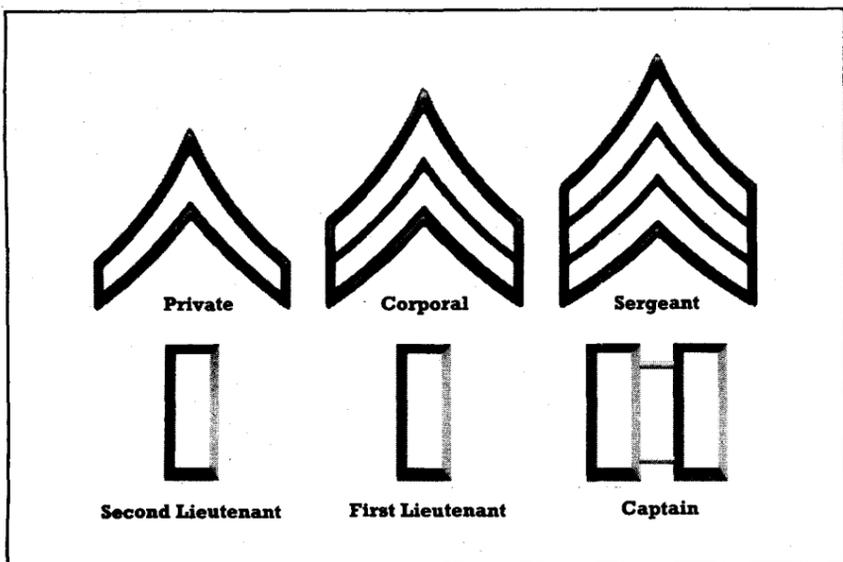
Office (CPO) and classification specialist for both Fort Lee CPO and TSA.

While assigned to Fort Lee CPO she supported TSA Headquarters, Southeast Region and the Fort Lee Commissary. Fannin was also assigned as a staffing specialist for TSA and a personnel staffing and employee development specialist for DeCA. In both of these positions, she served as commissary

career program administrator.

Her human resource management work in support of the Department of Defense Welfare-to-Work initiative earned her the Vice President's Hammer Award. She was honored in ceremonies at the Pentagon in June.

Fannin is a magna cum laude graduate from Richard Bland College, Petersburg, Va., with an associate's degree in business administration.



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After serving in Vietnam...

Sky Soldiers lead the way at Army Materiel Command

By Bobbie Galford

On the left sleeve of their Class A uniforms, the Army Materiel Command leadership wears the AMC unit patch. On the other sleeve, Gen. Johnnie Wilson, Lt. Gen. James Link, and CSM George Cutbirth proudly display a combat patch signifying their service to the 173rd Airborne Brigade during the Vietnam War more than 20 years ago.

The 173rd Airborne Brigade, also known as the "Sky Soldiers," was activated March 26, 1963 as one of the Army's first separate, combined arms brigades. The brigade had previously, during World War I and II, been an infantry brigade with the 87th Division. Stationed on Okinawa, Japan, the 173rd Airborne Brigade was assigned as the U.S. Army Pacific Command's ready reaction force. It was maintained at a high state of readiness for deployment to any of the region's potential hot spots.

Intended for immediate parachute insertion, the brigade could seize inland

airheads or coastal seaports, to be reinforced by the Hawaii-based 25th Infantry Division or Okinawa-based 3rd Marine Division. The Nationalist Chinese paratroopers aptly named the 173rd Airborne Brigade the "Sky Soldiers" after the unit made thousands of parachute jumps in a dozen different Pacific-area countries.

The brigade was the first unit to be sent to the Republic of Vietnam in May 1965. Most of the first elements of the brigade landed at Bein Hoa Airfield. The brigade's mission, to serve as a countrywide reaction force, was supposed to be temporary. The plan was for a brigade from the 101st Airborne Division to replace the Sky Soldiers within a few months of their arrival. However, the plan never came to be and in addition to the 173rd Airborne Brigade being the first unit to arrive in Vietnam, it was also the longest serving. The "Sky Soldiers" destroyed enemy base camps, introduced the use of small, long-range

patrols, and blocked North Vietnam Army (NVA) incursions during some of the bloodiest fighting of the war. They fought large-scale operations, to include battling communist troops in the Iron Triangle, and elements of the 173rd Airborne Brigade conducted the first significant combat parachute jump into enemy territory in 1967.

In 1970, then Captains Wilson and Link were brother Army officers, "hootch mates," and "Sky Soldiers" serving in Cha Rang Valley, Vietnam. Wilson commanded Company C, 173rd Support Battalion; and Link was the technical supply officer of Company D (Maintenance), 173rd Support Battalion. Link went on to command Company D (Maintenance), 173rd Support Battalion in Landing Zone (LZ) English, which was north of Cha Rang Valley. Both were jump qualified, as was then Sergeant Cutbirth who, also a "Sky Soldier," served as a maintenance technician with Company D at LZ English. All three soldiers

believe their service to the 173rd provided them with an invaluable experience and credit the time they spent in Vietnam as the foundation for their roles as Army leaders.

"Vietnam was a difficult time for everyone there," Wilson said. "We served the United States there under harsh and sometimes painful circumstances. However, as hard as things were, being a soldier during that time provided me with leadership experience and insight. I learned about being a soldier, about being a commander, and about being part of a team."

Link agrees that his time spent as a "Sky Soldier" enhanced and improved his leadership skills. "Being a leader is all about taking care of people and making decisions that get the job done," Link said. "I learned from my company command in Vietnam how to take care of soldiers and how to make those important decisions. These skills were vital in preparing me for my role as AMC's deputy commanding general."

Cutbirth believes one of the most valuable things he



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AIRBORNE— Gen. Johnnie Wilson, commander of Army Materiel Command, served in the 173rd Airborne Brigade during the Vietnam War.

observed as a Sky Soldier is the importance of teamwork and friendship. "Leaving biases and prejudices behind and learning to work together, live together and get along with one another are essential elements of an effective combat team," Cutbirth said. "Teamwork has a sig-

nificant role in every military unit or organization, and the lessons I learned in the 173rd Airborne Brigade have served me well in other units and here at AMC."

Cutbirth also credits his tour in Vietnam with devel-

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Training future Army leaders...

ROTC cadets use Redstone facilities for field exercises

By Sandy Riebeling

The ROTC provides the Army with more than 70 percent of all their active duty officers. Cadets enrolled in junior (high school) or senior (college) ROTC participate in military training and leadership courses and activities both on and off campus.

Cadets from Alabama A&M University ROTC Bulldog Battalion come to Redstone twice a semester for field training exercises including weapons training at the small arms firing range, performing land navigation exercises and physical training tests. To participate in senior ROTC, men and women couple their field of study academics courses with military sciences classroom instruction and on-campus ROTC activities. They put those skills to the test during their field training exercises.

"I love the program," said cadet Capt. Leila Pedroso, a nursing student at University of Alabama-Huntsville that cross trains with the A&M ROTC program on a ROTC scholarship. "UAH doesn't offer ROTC so I'm enrolled in ROTC at A&M. I've enjoyed the whole four years."

Redstone Arsenal supplies some support to the ROTC program through the 5th Brigade, 2nd Region headquarters located at Redstone. Cadets from Alabama A&M and University of North Alabama also use Redstone facilities for cadet field training exercises.

The program draws its major support from Training and Doctrine Command installations which offer supplies including food, transportation, and ammunition, as well as other minor services. When Fort McClellan, near Anniston, withdrew support on Oct. 1 due to base closing, support was shifted to Fort Rucker, near Dothan.

"Redstone Arsenal stepped in quickly to offer assistance to the program," said Maj. John Davidson, executive officer, HQ, 5th Brigade (ROTC). "We tried to work out an installation support agreement here but AMCOM didn't have the funds and ROTC is a TRADOC program. We worked out a support agreement with Fort Rucker and things are going fine."

Cadets still use the training facilities at Fort McClellan for field training

exercises. Cadets from A&M use the training facilities at here and at Fort McClellan.

The 5th Brigade, 2nd Region headquarters at Redstone provides assistance to local ROTC battalions through recruiting efforts, a training NCO and logistical NCO, and administrative and managerial support.

The 5th Brigade, 2nd Region covers ROTC programs in Alabama, Mississippi, Louisiana and a section of the Florida panhandle with 21 universities and 42 cross-enrolled universities as well as junior level programs at 169 high schools and 20 cross-enrolled high schools.

The senior level program begins with college freshmen, who are enrolled in military sciences classes as electives or as part of the ROTC program. Those attending college on ROTC scholarships are under contract and are required to meet the minimum criteria set forth by the program.



Photo by Sandy Riebeling

TARGET PRACTICE— ROTC cadets from the Alabama A&M University Bulldog Battalion come to Redstone Arsenal to take target practice at Redstone's Skunk Hollow small arms range.

College juniors who have completed the first two years of ROTC can go under contract as a junior and upon satisfactory completion of the program, be commissioned into the Army as second lieutenants. Less than half the cadets are on the scholar-

ship program.

"We use the scholarships to recruit the best and the brightest," Davidson said. "It gives them up to \$16,000 a year in tuition and fees."

In return, students agree to an eight-year commitment in the Army that may

be served in either active, reserves, National Guard, or in some combination.

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Remembering heritage...

Life of Poland's greatest poet celebrated in October

By Ed Krolikowski

In October, designated as "Polish Heritage Month" by Congress, we honor a person who is considered by many as Poland's greatest poet: Adam Mickiewicz. This year marks the 200th anniversary of his birth. Here in the United States, Mickiewicz is considered rather obscure, probably due to the rarity of finding his works translated into English.

Mickiewicz was born into a noble family that had fallen on hard times on Christmas Eve, 1798 in Nowogrodek in Russian-partitioned Poland (present day Belarus). He received his secondary education under the Dominican Order in Nowogrodek and continued his college education at the University of Wilno, gaining his bachelor's degree in 1819, then his master's in Philology in 1822.

While working toward his master's degree, Mickiewicz was appointed a professor at Kowno College. There he began writing with his "Hymn for the Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary" in 1820. Because of his association with secret student movements and the writing of his patriotic "Ode to

Youth," Mickiewicz was arrested by Russian authorities and imprisoned in 1823. During this time of imprisonment, he wrote "Grace" (1823), "Crimean Sonnets" (1826) and "Konrad Wallenrod" (1828).

After his release in 1829, Mickiewicz traveled through Germany, where he met with the great German poet Goethe. Settling in Italy, he wrote "Conversation at Evening" and "Archmaster." In 1831, Mickiewicz moved to France. There he wrote his two masterpieces for which he is known: "Forefathers" (which took nine years to write) and "Master Thaddeus." Other works included "Books of the Polish Pilgrims and Nation," "St. Adalbert" and "The Slaves." He even wrote a drama in French called "The Confederates of Bar." He supported himself as a lecturer on Latin literature at the University of Lausanne and afterwards as a lecturer on Slavic literature at the College of France in Paris. He was dismissed from the latter for propagating heterodox politico-mystical doctrines in 1844.

In 1848, Mickiewicz founded the Polish Legion in Italy, and participated in the liberation of that country. Afterwards he returned

to Paris where he became the editor of the daily newspaper "Tribune of the People" and then later in 1851 as a librarian at the Arsenal. In 1855, he left Paris on a mission to the Turkish Empire. There he organized a Polish Legion to fight with Turkey against

Russia in the Crimean War. On Nov. 26, 1855, Mickiewicz died of cholera in Constantinople at age 56. His body was brought back to Paris where it was buried. Then in 1890, amid great ceremony, his body was transferred to Wawel Castle in Krakow where he

rests among some of Poland's greatest men—past kings as well as American General Tadeusz Kosciuszko.

Despite his unorthodox mysticism, Mickiewicz was a patriot and poetic genius who profoundly influenced Polish mysticism and won

sympathy throughout Europe for the cause of Poland (under total partition since 1795) and of Slavs.

(Editor's note: Krolikowski, senior architect and project manager with the Corps of Engineers in Savannah, Ga., is a former member of the Directorate of Public Works.)

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Playgrounds in transition for revitalization program

Some closed; some upgraded under neighborhood renewal plan through 2002

By John Allen

As part of Redstone's Whole Neighborhood Revitalization Program, more than half of the post's 16 playgrounds will be closed. The process has already begun and will continue on a schedule that ends in 2002. In addition, two new playgrounds will be constructed, while one will be transferred.

According to the Directorate of Public Work's Ronnie Brooks, some of the equipment that will be done away with is considered to be sub-standard or unsafe, including wooden equipment, metal slides and sandboxes. "Approximately 40 percent of the equipment from closed playgrounds will be salvaged and relocated into other playgrounds," Brooks said.

"Which playgrounds are to be closed is based pri-

marily on usage. For example, as housing units become vacant as part of the drawdown, the associated playgrounds will be eliminated," he said.

According to Brooks, from \$30-\$40,000 per year is currently being spent to maintain Redstone's 16 playgrounds.

Here is the playground plan:

- FY '98— Area 9- Close playgrounds 1, 2, and 3
- FY '99— Area 4- Upgrade playground 9 as part of the revitalization
- FY '99— Transfer playground 10 to Billeting (NAF)
- FY '00— Area 6- Close playground 6
- FY '00— Area 3- Close playground 11
- FY '01— Area 8- Close playgrounds 4 and 12
- FY '01— Area 6- Construct new playground
- FY '02— Area 10-



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AT PLAY— Elijah Lewis enjoys the playground equipment at the western end of LaCross Drive. More than half of Redstone's playgrounds will be closed, while those remaining will be upgraded. Elijah is the son of Pvt. Charles and Mandie Lewis.

Close playgrounds 7 and 8 part of the revitalization
 • FY '02— Area 7- Upgrade playground 5 as • FY '02— Area 10- Construct new playground.

Ex-Post Exchange worker pleads guilty to theft of products

Kimsha Williamson, a former AAFES employee, pleaded guilty Aug. 19 to a six-count criminal complaint specifying three counts larceny and three counts criminal conspiracy, in the theft of retail merchandise from the Post Exchange.

Williamson was formally charged in U.S. Court for the Northern District of Alabama, after a lengthy probe by investigators of the Provost Marshal Office. The completed investigation resulted in the six-count complaint against Williamson and revealed she conspired to provide merchandise such as clothing and jewelry to several unnamed military and civilian personnel. She either charged a lower price for the items or did not charge for them at all.

Williamson was sentenced to 30 months probation and ordered to pay restitution.

A co-conspirator in the investigation was an E-6 assigned to Redstone Arsenal. He pleaded guilty for his part in the larceny. The NCO was reduced to rank of E-1 and administratively separated from the Army. (Provost Marshal Office release)

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Software engineering annex represents decade journey

Construction will consolidate the center's work force in 2000

By Skip Vaughn

A project that took nearly a decade of planning and congressional support will now take only two years to build.

The groundbreaking for the Life Cycle Software Engineering Center annex was held Monday with representatives from Congress, Redstone, the Corps of Engineers, and the construction contractor. A \$25.9 million contract to design and build the annex was awarded in August to Turner Universal Construction Company of Huntsville.

"We have gathered here today to observe a major milestone in the history of AMCOM and Redstone Arsenal," Maj. Gen. Emmitt Gibson, commander of the Aviation and Missile Command and Redstone, said.

The annex, to be located next door to the existing center near the airfield, will enable the center to consolidate its workers. Hundreds of its workers are now located in trailers and other sites on and off post. When completed in 2000, the annex will accommodate 661 people.

The Software Engineering Directorate provides software support from technology research during aviation and missile system development/acquisition to fielding and sustainment.

"This facility will be unique," William Craig, director of Software Engineering Directorate, said. "It will house a unique capability not just in the Army but within the Department of Defense."

The other speakers at the ceremony included Sen. Richard Shelby, Sen. Jeff Sessions and Rep. Bud Cramer.

"We've been working together to bring this to reality here for a very long time," Shelby said. The official beginning was October 1989 with formal identification of the proposed Military Construction Authority Project.

"We're proud of you, we'll continue to work hard for you, and good luck," Cramer said.

The existing center, building 6260, was originally intended for 250 people but currently holds nearly 500. Some 250 will remain in that building when the annex is



Photo by Skip Vaughn

BREAKING GROUND— From left are Col. David Norwood, commander of the Mobile District, Corps of Engineers; Cramer, Shelby, Gibson, Sessions, Craig, and Russ Burns, president of Turner Universal Construction Company.

finished.

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

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Program provides support network for new parents in military

Photos and story by John Allen

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It's called the New Parent Support Program, and it's located just three blocks west of the PX at 1220-B Lacrosse Drive.

The New Parent Support Program is a professional team of social workers and nurses who provide supportive and caring services to military families with children

from birth to 6 years. They will even come to your home.

According to Angela Coates, RN, and manager of the New Parent Support Program, they have a variety of offerings including parenting classes to assist you.

"We can help you learn to cope with stress, isolation, post-deployment reunions, and the everyday demands of parenthood," she said.

Coates said that even if you've been raising your family for a few years, new ages and stages bring different challenges.



YOUNG DRIVER— Sixteen-month-old Tristen Ogle "drives" the fire truck, which visited the New Parent Support Program at 1220-B Lacrosse Drive on Thursday during Fire Prevention Week. The fire truck was from Vincent Road Station No. 2.



VISITING FIREMEN— Paul Bremmer, 2 (sitting), and Nicholas Olles, 3 (standing), were among the children at the New Parent Support Program on Thursday who enjoyed a visit by the Vincent Road fire truck during Fire Prevention Week. Also shown are firefighter Ken Andrews (sitting), and Curtis Chereek (standing), a driver-operator.

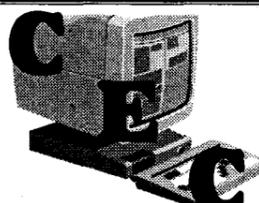
"The New Parent Support Program offers you the opportunity to express your concerns and ask questions about babies, infants and young children," Coates said.

Army families and other military families expecting a child or with children up to age 6 are eligible to participate free of charge in all of the services offered. Client services offered by the New Parent Support

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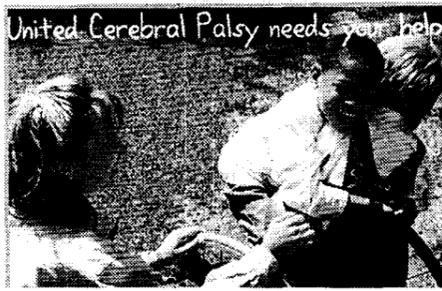
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Surgeon: Early detection is key to surviving breast cancer

By James Fox

Cancer of the breast is the most common cancer in women and the leading cause of death from cancer for females age 40 to 44. It is second only to lung cancer among cancer-related deaths of all women in this country. Every year, 182,000 women are diagnosed with breast cancer and 46,000 die from this disease.

Current statistics estimate that one out of every nine women will be diagnosed with breast cancer at sometime during their life. Anyone reading this article can simply count the women in their office, church, or social group and realize the number of people they already know who may eventually be diagnosed.

Unfortunately, breast cancer cannot be prevented. Unlike other diseases such as lung cancer and cardiac disease, in which behavior plays an important role in whether these illnesses develop, breast cancer strikes without discrimination. Fortunately, the risk of dying from breast cancer is finally beginning to decline after almost three decades of an aggressive effort to detect breast cancer in its earliest stages. Although early detection is

not the key to prevention, it is the key to survival.

Reducing risk

For the past 20 years, researchers, clinicians, and public health officials have been advancing the means of detecting breast cancer at its earliest stages and informing the public as to how they can obtain every chance available to diminish their risk of dying from breast cancer. These efforts advocate monthly self-breast exam, yearly examination by a physician, a baseline mammogram at age 35, and annual mammogram starting at 40. It is this approach to early detection that has led to a decrease in death rates from breast cancer, despite an increase in the total number of new cases diagnosed.

The mammogram is probably the easiest test to perform, but may be uncomfortable for some women. Since performing the mammogram is essentially the work of a radiologist and mammography technician, the patient is only asked to provide the time it takes to perform the exam and the dedication and commitment to tolerate the discomfort of having her breasts compressed while the test is being done.

Fortunately, for most people, this is only an annual event, which lasts 30 minutes at the most. But when you realize that this may decide whether you will be enjoying life and those around you 10 years down the road, it becomes a small price to pay.

Breast examination seems more difficult for many women. Despite the need for little training and no special equipment, many women easily give up on trying to make this practice a habit in their lives. Excuses include "I always forget," "I don't know what I am feeling," "It's too much of a bother," and "Why should I,

if I am getting a mammogram?" Yet none of these excuses can justify the risk of missing a cancer! It is a mistake to think that a mammogram takes the place of the breast exam.

Monthly exam

Mammography and breast exam are complementary in finding breast cancer and neither can substitute, for the other. Just like any habit, especially a good one, the most difficult part is to begin forming the habit, but once established it may save your life. A breast exam should be performed at a minimum of once a month, usually at the end of the menstrual cycle

for premenopausal women, or surrounding a monthly event, such as paying a bill or balancing a checkbook, for postmenopausal women. Instruction on self-breast examination can usually be performed during one visit, though repetition is usually required to answer questions, improve technique, and reinforce important points

At Fox Army Health Center, multiple resources are available to assist women in learning how to perform a self-breast exam. The Public Health and Education Center and the Surgery Clinic all have instructional aides concerning the early detection of

breast cancer. These include diagrams, models, pamphlets, and most importantly the nurses and doctors that can instruct on breast exam. In addition, the surgery clinic has a patient interactive CD-ROM program on breast cancer. To take advantage of these services, you can drop by the surgery clinic during duty hours (7 a.m.-5 p.m.) to visit the patient education room. No appointment is necessary. To ask about self-breast exam at the Public Health and Education Center, call 842-0196.

Editor's note: Dr. (Maj.) Fox is chief of surgery at Fox Army Health Center.

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Showing their skills... Marines take first place in Milstakes competition

By John Allen

Some 1,000 members of the 832nd Ordnance Battalion competed Oct. 9 in the Milstakes (Military Stakes) Competition and the results are in. Overall first place went to the Marine Detachment; second place went to D Company, and third place went to Headquarters & A Company.

In each event, the winners include the following:

- Common Task Training— D Company, first place; B Company, second; and C Company, third.

- Road March— Headquarters & A Company, first; B Company, second; and Marines, third.

- Marksmanship— Marines, first; D Company, second; and Headquarters & A Company, third.

- Drill & Ceremonies— Marines, first; D Company, second; and Headquarters & A Company, third.

The purpose of this annual event is to test the team's abilities in marksmanship, drill and cere-

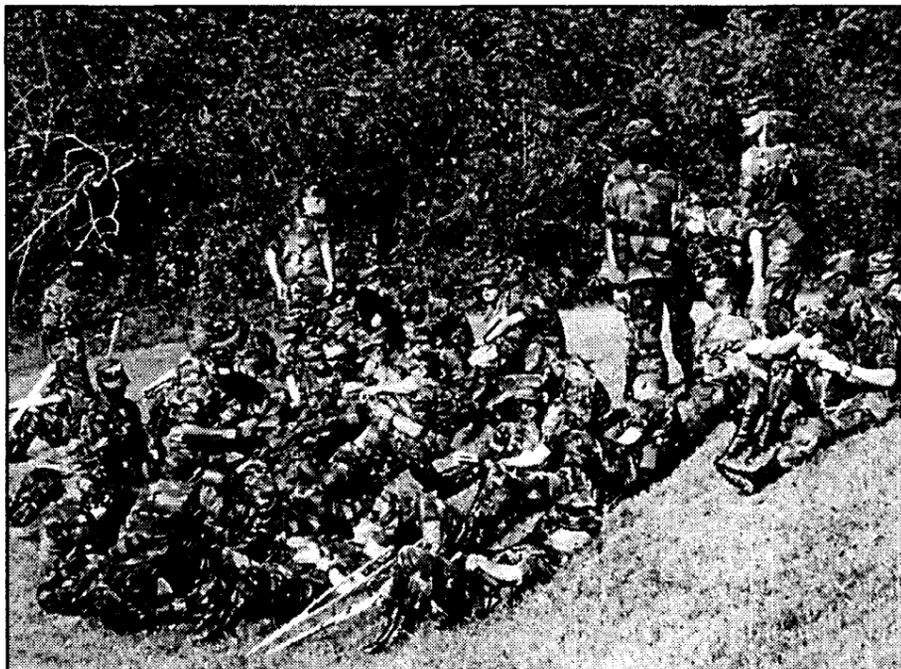


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ANTICIPATION— Soldiers await their turn for the next event in Milstakes.

monies, endurance during a timed ruck course, and performance of designated common military tasks to standard. The competition is described as follows:

Common Task Training— actually an evaluation of common military skills, which were tested by

senior NCOs of the battalion. Soldiers and Marines went through eight specific lanes and were evaluated on specific tasks, conditions and standards.

Road March— participants competed on a designated course up the mountain in full gear, including a

30-pound ruck sack.

Marksmanship— participants fired on a 25-meter range from two positions: prone supported and prone unsupported.

Drill and Ceremonies— all teams had a mandatory set of commands to follow in this competition.

Defense Department offers limited Viagra availability to patients

By Douglas J. Gillert

WASHINGTON— Military health care beneficiaries will have limited access to the widely publicized impotence drug Viagra through their service health care providers.

Dr. Sue Bailey, assistant secretary of defense for health affairs, issued guidelines Aug. 8 to the service surgeons general. The guidelines limit Viagra prescriptions to the treatment of male impotence. Doctors may prescribe only six pills a month per patient, and DoD will not replace lost or stolen pills.

Because Viagra is expensive — up to \$10 per pill — DoD pharmacies, Tricare network pharmacies and the National Mail Order Pharmacy won't stock the medicine. Instead, doctors who prescribe Viagra will have to special-order it. Patients seeking reimbursement for Viagra prescriptions through Tricare Standard (Champus) will receive an amount equal only to the cost of six tablets per month.

Defense guidelines allow military physicians to prescribe Viagra only after a thorough evaluation indicates the medication as the optimal regimen for the patient. Patients prescribed Viagra also receive careful guidelines for taking the medication. According to defense health officials, Viagra side effects may include headaches, flushing of the face or chest, indigestion, nasal congestion and mild vision impairment. There's also no guarantee Viagra will work.

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Under the law...

Command sees value in pursuing patents for inventions

By Skip Vaughn

Patent disputes usually don't reach the courtroom; and that's why this case was unusual.

Fike Corporation, of Blue Springs, Mo., contended that AMCOM infringed its patent which involves a burst disk used on Javelin rocket motors. The Aviation and Missile Command didn't contest the infringement, just the validity of the patent. About a month ago, U.S. Court of Claims Judge Bohdan Futey of Washington, D.C., ruled that AMCOM did infringe a valid patent. The Department of Justice could appeal this decision.

"The question of validity was a close question and we had what we thought were good grounds, but we recognized that the judge could've gone either way," Howard Garner, a patent attorney in AMCOM Legal Office, said.

Usually patent cases are settled or just go away over time. This particular case has been ongoing for three or four years. AMCOM is involved in another dispute which remains under investigation and has not yet reached court after eight years. Of the few patent cases Garner has seen over the last decade, the Fike dispute is the only one that went to court so far.

"But they all take a hell of a lot of time and a lot of paper," Garner said. "And my paperwork is minuscule compared to the paperwork that the Department of Justice handles."

Patents are just a portion of the workload in the Intellectual Property Law Branch of the General Law Division in the legal office. Intellectual property

includes patents, trademarks, copyrights, and trade secrets. Garner mainly does technology transfer agreements.

A patent is a document that is issued by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office. It results from an application filed by an applicant and his or her attorney and usually includes drawings and a technical specification or description of the invention. A patent examiner takes this application and looks for similar inventions already issued. The examiner will usually issue an initial rejection of the applicant's claims based on prior art. The applicant's attorney responds and ultimately a patent may or may not be issued.

This can be a painstaking process. "You got to remember, the patent office has over six million U.S. patents and probably more like 10-15 million foreign patents and other literature to search," Garner said. "Of course all of this prior art is organized in classes and sub-classes which greatly reduce the prior art which must actually be reviewed by the examiners. And some of it can be searched mechanically now, but it still includes a large number of documents to be reviewed by the examiner during prosecution of the patent application."

A patent gives the inventor or his assignee the legal authority to exclude others from making, using and/or selling any product which falls within the scope of the claims.

Garner, 66, has been doing this type of work for more than 40 years beginning in 1956 as an exam-

er in the patent office in Washington while attending law school at George Washington University at night. He graduated in June 1962, took the bar exam that December in Virginia and was admitted to practice before the highest court of Virginia in January 1963. Garner left the patent office in March 1964 and came to Redstone where he worked for seven months as a patent attorney. He left to become a patent counsel for a company in Massachusetts for two years, and then for another company in Worcester, Mass., for 20 years. He entered private practice in South Carolina in 1986 and returned to Redstone in December 1987.

"It's really good for the government to get patents for a couple of reasons. It has all these scientists and engineers who are making inventions, and by patenting them they are able to establish that the government thought of this first for defensive purposes," Garner said. "But an even

more important reason now is that Technology Transfer permits the government to license companies or people outside the government under its patents for royalties.

"One of the more important points of the Technology Transfer Act (of 1986) as amended, is that the inventors share in any royalties paid to the government. Last year we had one inventor who received over \$2,000 under a patent license agreement as the inventor of the invention covered by the patent," he said. "We have another very promising invention which is in the process of being patented for testing the eyes of children and others. This patent has not been granted yet but we expect it to be within the next year. This invention is a significant advance in the technology and will be very beneficial to the public. We also expect to derive significant royalties from the license of this patent."

Royalties come back to the laboratory and go

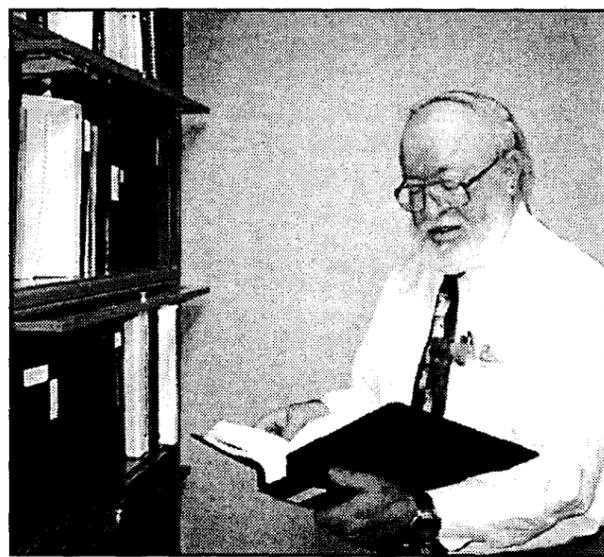


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PATENT ATTORNEY— Garner works in the intellectual property law branch of the general law division at AMCOM Legal Office.

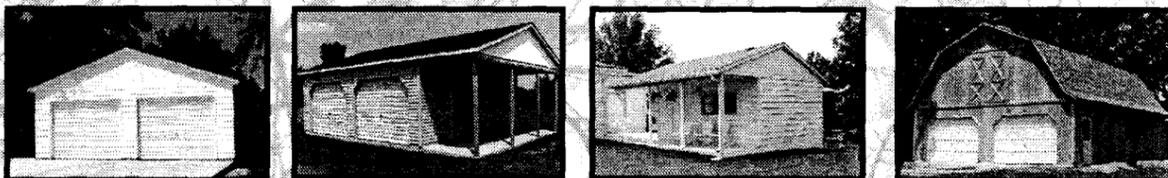
toward supporting the lab's work; and 20 percent of the royalties goes to the inventor.

Garner said he doesn't know whether the recent court case is a sign of things to come or whether this command will continue its tradition of few patent disputes.

"You ought to understand that under the law the

government is authorized to infringe anyone's patent and the patent owner's recourse is to make a claim against the government for infringement or to litigate it in a court of claims, if necessary," he said. "And the court of claims decides what is proper remuneration for any patent the court of claims finds valid and infringed."

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Helping youngsters...

Community programs aimed at giving youths initiative

By John Allen

Redstone youth are amuck with luck because of four new programs that cater to them, making constructive use of their free time. Sponsored by the Directorate of Community and Family Activities, the programs include Promise Passport, Teen Council, Workforce Preparation, and Youth Sponsorship. While the programs are primarily for teens, youth from age 6 and up may also participate where appropriate.

Promise Passport: This program resulted from President Clinton's "Summit for America's Future" in 1997. The idea that emerged was for Americans to take responsibility for their own communities and to do the required work with volunteers. To support this program, the DoD committed 1.5 million hours of community service per year to be performed by dependent youth.

The youth of Redstone have thus far contributed 620 hours of community service, including nursing home visits, food drives, hospital visits (children's ward), Special Olympics, Christmas-caring tree in the PX, a block party, Night Out Against Crime, Octoberfest, and other activities.

"Promise Passport instills a sense of responsibility

in our youth while developing leadership and self-esteem," Russell Litz, program coordinator, said.

Youth Sponsorship: Actually mandated by Congress, this program consists of a youth-sponsorship committee for teens and pre-teens.

With the help of ACS, the committee has put together a welcome packet for youth about local schools, activity maps on Redstone and Huntsville, real estate books, relocation coloring books, pencils, pens, key chains, mugs, playing cards, etc.

Youth committee sponsors are selected by age, compatible interests, similar social interests, etc. Telephone contact is then made with the youth to exchange names and addresses. "This marks the beginning of what can become a solid and lasting relationship between the youths," Litz said.

Teen Council: The Youth Service Center has an active teen council with seven elected members and one parent adviser. The Council provides opportunities for Redstone youth to have a voice in planning and conducting teen activities based on their needs and interests.

The Teen Council also acts as a communication liaison between teen clubs, the youth services staff, and

Army officers.

Teen Council members learn to debate issues, conduct meetings using parliamentary procedures, problem solving, setting and achieving goals, and overcoming obstacles through decision making.

Workforce Preparation: This program helps teens prepare for the work-world or college. They may use this program to discover their interests and abilities, learn organizational and business-related skills, and become aware of a variety of career options.

The Youth Center offers classes on resume writing, how to fill out a job application, how to conduct an interview, and how to keep a job.

College-bound teens may want to attend "College Night," held in the late fall, with representatives from area colleges.

Youth Services also offers the ACT/SAT test on

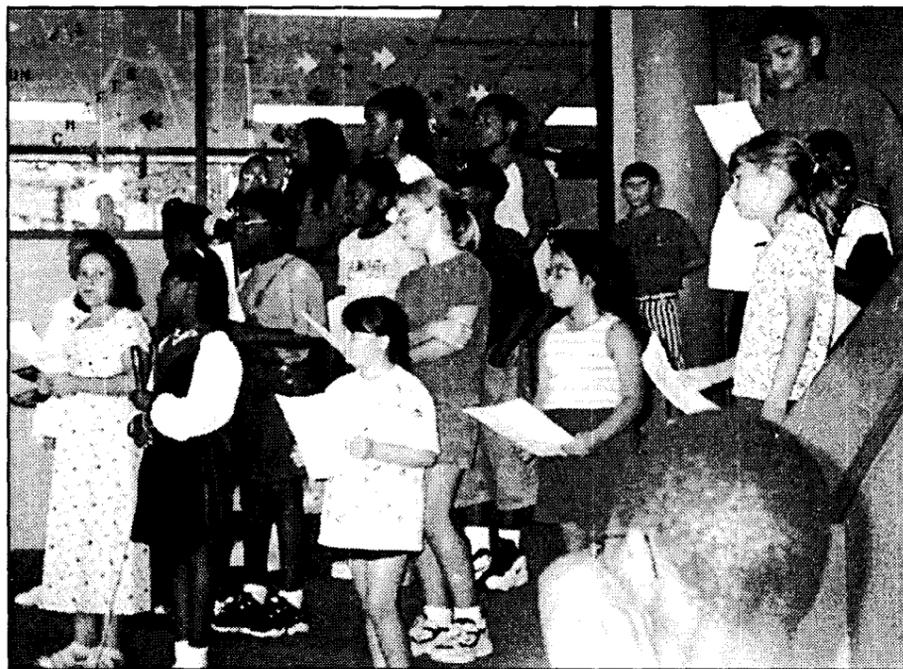


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GOING TO CLASS— As part of the Workforce Preparation program, these Redstone children are participating a class at the Youth Center to learn about various careers.

their computers in four practice tests. There is also a computer program called "Getting into College," and another program that shows 2,600 available scholar-

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Picker says Crimson Tide will drop at Rocky Top to the Big Orange

By Skip Vaughn

My college football predictions went 131-39 over seven weeks. Here are Skip's Picks for selected games this week:

- Alabama at Tennessee—Tenn.
- Louisiana Tech at Auburn—Auburn
- Georgia at Kentucky—Georgia
- Mississippi State at LSU—LSU
- Ole Miss at Arkansas State—Miss
- South Carolina at Vanderbilt—S.C.
- Miles College at Ala. A&M—A&M



- North Ala. at Henderson St.—UNA
- Sam Houston St. at Jacksonville St.—Jax
- Army at Notre Dame—ND
- Miami at West Virginia—WVa.
- Florida State at Ga. Tech—FSU
- Ohio State at Northwest—OSU
- Air Force at Tulsa—Air Force
- Navy at Boston College—BC



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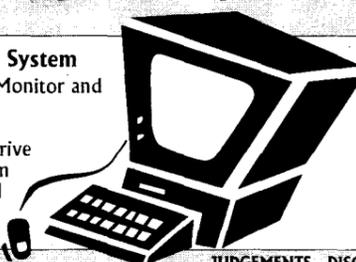
Preseason champs...

Members of the "Devastating Dragons," the flag football team from D Company, 832nd Ordnance Battalion, prepare to play a scheduled game. They won the preseason tournament, knocking off four teams in double-elimination. The regular season kicked off Oct. 10.

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Taking special care...

Veterinarian says prepare your pets for winter now

By Sandy Riebeling

As the days get shorter and the nights cooler going into winter, it's important for pet owners to take special care of their animals.

"It's very important to continue heartworm medication for dogs through the fall and winter months," said Capt. John Harvey, D.V.M. at Redstone's Veterinary Services Clinic. "Heartworm is spread by mosquitoes. When it gets cold out, the mosquitoes may disappear but if we get a warm snap and a hearty mosquito is still around, one bite is all it takes."

Having current vaccinations for all pets is especially important in the winter months because cold weather lowers the immune system making it easier for an animal to be infected.

Harvey also advises flea bombing your house, even if it's not a problem now. Fleas are more likely to come into the house for survival as the weather turns colder. It's also important to continue to groom and bathe your pet regularly. It's important to see that the animal's hair is dry before letting it out into frigid temperatures.

"Make sure your pets have plenty of food and water," Harvey said. "Animals need more calories in cold weather. Check their water supply frequently."

This is also the time of year many people change the anti-freeze in cars and trucks. Improper storage and disposal could be lethal for animals.

"Anti-freeze smells good and tastes good to animals, so they drink it. If that happens, bring your pet in immediately," Harvey said. "Their kidneys shut down in 12 to 24 hours for cats and 36-72 hours for dogs. You will be able to see signs that your pet is in trouble within 30 minutes. They become depressed and can't stand up, get wobbly and have trouble walking."

The anti-freeze becomes toxic as the body tries to metabolize it. Animals treated more than eight hours after the anti-freeze has been ingested are not likely to survive.

In extreme cold, outdoor animals should be provided additional protection which could mean bringing them indoors or into a garage or shed with extra bedding to help them retain their body

heat. Cats are notorious for climbing up under the hoods of vehicles and resting on the engine block so be sure to tap the hood a few times or blow the horn before starting the engine on cold winter days.

"The holiday season can also be troublesome for pets," Harvey said. "People are feeling good and they want to give their pet a little treat. It's a nice thought but it's not good for them."

Harvey explained that an animal's digestive systems is not made for a diet with a lot of variation and unusual foods tend to have an adverse effect on the animal.

Other holiday troubles include seasonal plants such as mistletoe and holly and artificial spray snow which can be harmful or fatal to animals if ingested in large quantities. Electrical extension cords are another hazard for animals that love to chew. Christmas tree tinsel, which is especially attractive to cats, is also something to keep away from pets.

"If you know that your cat has eaten some tinsel and it has passed on its own, fine," Harvey said.



Photo by Sandy Riebeling

WINTERIZING YOUR PETS— Yearly vaccinations are especially important going into the winter months, when cold weather lowers animals' immune system. Harvey gives Grem-lin a checkup while veterinary technician Sgt. Jeff Thompson gives the dog his vaccines.

"You can also help it along if there is minimal resistance when you try to pull it out. The key is minimal resistance. Tinsel will bind with the intestine and if you pull too hard, you can rip the intestine. If the animal is in pain or can't pass it, bring it in."

When making changes in an animal's environment,

routine, or diet, Harvey pre-scribes the gradual approach. Animals become

acclimated to their sur-
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review. Of the Army's more than 900 sites that were shut down, about 400 had returned on line by Oct. 14.

"The Army took a much stronger position and they were the only military branch that actually required their web sites to be shut down and reviewed. The other branches just required all the information to be reviewed while it was still available to the public," Brown said. "While it may seem to be an extreme measure for the Army to require all their public web sites to be shut down for review, this is actually going to allow us to complete the review in a shorter time span than the other military branches."

AMCOM had a head start on other Army agencies since it already had an internal system in place since August. Other agencies without intranet had to completely shut their sites down, even to internal users.

"Because of our work in August to go ahead and implement some security and access controls, the impact of our web sites going down was not as great as other Army agencies because we were able to just restrict our audience where we could still use it at work, whereas some agencies had to just turn their machines

off," Brown said.

Teams are at work reviewing the public web sites here. Intelligence and Security Directorate has the lead for developing these review teams and to provide guidance for review of information on the web sites. That directorate and the Legal Office are bearing most of the workload on this project, according to Brown. Steve Carey, of Intelligence and Security, is the project leader for the review teams. The five teams each consist of five members including a representative from Intelligence and Security, a computer specialist, a legal representative, a technical specialist, and an administrative support person.

The Corporate Information Center set up the second Army web site in November 1993. The Army Research Laboratory, at Aberdeen Proving Ground, Md., set up the Army's first web site in September 1993. Since then the number has grown to more than 900 public web sites Armywide. This growth came to a sudden halt when defense officials realized that too much information was available to too many people.

"This new security guidance does not diminish in any way our plans to utilize Internet technology to revolutionize the business practices of the Department," Hamre said in issuing his

directive. "Our actions to advance electronic commerce and develop a paper-free acquisition system will continue at full speed. We will, however, be more attentive to the security implications of this technology. Security and efficiency can be achieved at the same time."

All Redstone Arsenal web sites (both public and intranet) must register with the AMCOM Government Locator System (GILS) at intranet.redstone.army.mil/amcom-gils. Then they must register with the Army webmaster and the Department of Defense GILS system. For more information, call Brown at 955-7805.

The AMCOM webmaster sees a continuing need for public web sites. "Web communication has really opened up a media process of providing up-to-date information that is accessible to generally anyone who has a computer and is connected to the Internet," Brown said. "Our challenge is to make sure we have the proper security and access controls in place so that we control who sees what information."

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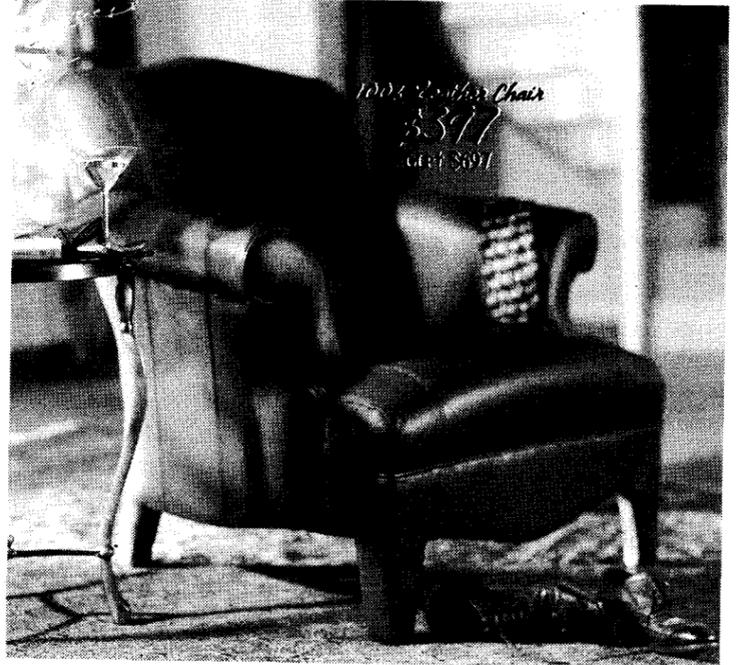
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Avoiding cost...

Expected savings from 17 programs approach \$1 billion

By John Hale

Fiscal 1998 was a record-setting year for the Aviation and Missile Command's Operating and Support Cost Reduction program.

Eleven projects were contracted under the program in the aviation systems while six projects were contracted for missile systems. The initial investment required for the 17 projects totaled \$8.151 million. Gross savings over 10 years are projected to exceed \$774 million, including \$301 and

\$473 million for aviation and missile projects respectively.

The OSCR program, managed by the Army Materiel Command, counts 10 years of savings generated by any initiative. It funds engineering design efforts that reduce secondary item cost, extend the life of an item or improve an item's maintainability.

FY '98 was also a banner year for the AMCOM Value Engineering (VE) program. The VE Office finalized 83 government generated Value Engineering Propos-

als and eight Value Engineering Change Proposals, initiated by contractors, during the year. The 91 initiatives are projected to save over \$215 million which is 269 percent of AMCOM's FY '98 VE goal of \$80 million. The VE program counts the first three years of any savings generated by an initiative.

Aviation, missile, and support systems all contributed significantly to this command-wide achievement. Equally important, many of these initiatives enhanced the performance of systems used by soldiers in

the field.

The success of the two programs is not attributable to any one individual but rather the cooperative efforts of all personnel in AMCOM, the PEOs, Program Manager Offices, and contractors as well as end users. Gross savings from the two programs are expected to exceed \$989 million.

(Editor's note: Hale is a senior analyst for Science Applications International Corporation, a contractor for the AMCOM OSCR program.)

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is increased and maintenance time is decreased.

One such project is the new High Density Module technology used in the Low Voltage Power Supplies tested on the Patriot missile system.

"This new technology is a commercial plug-in component that takes just a few minutes to install vs. the old power supply which took hours to replace," Tom Reynolds, VE/OSCR program manager, said. "It just plugs in. The other one was hard to reach and took tools to remove and replace it. Then it had to be shipped off and repaired. This component is a throw away. You just plug in a new one."

The OSCR program contracted 17 projects in FY '98, 11 in aviation and six in missiles, for a projected savings of \$774 million over the next 10 years. The initial investment for the projects totaled \$8.151 mil-

lion for engineering design efforts that reduce secondary item cost, extend the life of an item or improve an item's maintainability.

The Value Engineering program is responsible for the remaining \$215 million in projected cost savings which is calculated by the first three years of any savings generated by an initiative. The VE Office finalized 83 government generated Value Engineering Proposals and eight Value Engineering Change Proposals initiated by contractors during the year.

"Value Engineering is not a new concept. It started back in World War II when

there were materiel shortages due to the war," Reynolds said. "General Electric did functional analysis by using simple terms and an understandable format. Then they looked for new materials, either that worked better or were more cost efficient because they were closer, cheaper, easier to use. Now, with the recent breakthroughs in electronics and mechanics, technologies are constantly getting smaller and faster with more capabilities. We look for opportunities to use these new technologies."

The Value Engineering program extends beyond

the scope of spare parts and repairs defined by the OSCR program. VE is about developing initiatives that eliminate unnecessary cost in the requirement, design, development, operation and commercial support and procurement without sacrificing essential quality, reliability, maintainability, performance or mission accomplishment.

"It's not all about saving money," Reynolds said. "If a soldier has a problem with the way something is being done, we try to come up with alternatives which could mean updating technologies, buying new equipment or finding a better way to perform the mis-

sion. The solution may not save money but it may save time, make a job easier, provide better performance, even though there is no hard dollar savings. We're here for the soldier."

But, Reynolds says, it's not all about the newest gadgets. "All this new-fangled stuff and we still don't have a replacement for the paper clip. We haven't come up with anything that does the job better."

Identifying and implementing VE initiatives takes teamwork. The VE/OSCR Office has a staff of 20, 10 people working in each program. But the responsibility goes far beyond those few

people.

"It's truly a team effort," Reynolds said. "We're not an island. We couldn't do it without cooperation from our customers, and from all the ancillary groups— support people in the PEOs and project offices. That's the only way it works."

Teamwork has paid off for the VE/OSCR Office as well as the taxpayers. The OSCR program had a record-setting year and the VE program came in 269 percent above goal for FY '98. Their goal was \$80 million.

"It was a banner year, all the way around," Reynolds said.

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Resource Management worker wins crossword contest

Jim Seitz of Resource Management has won the crossword puzzle contest for Hispanic Heritage Month. His name was drawn at random from among five winning entries. There were about 15 entrants alto-

gether. "We thank them for their entries," Marc Subido, Hispanic Employment Program manager at the Equal Employment Opportunity Office, said.

Seitz' prize is a T-shirt with the Hispanic Heritage Month logo, "Women in Leadership." The annual observance is Sept. 15 through Oct. 15.

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roundings slowly and as the weather cools, their body's internal system prepares the animal for survival during the winter months.

There is no base line temperature that indicates when an outdoor animal should be brought in out of the weather. Listen for cold weather advisories on news broadcasts and use common sense. Larger animals can tolerate colder conditions better than small ones.

Harvey is the new veterinarian at the Redstone clinic. He arrived on Oct. 7, his first duty station since re-entering the Army. He joined the Army in 1986, spending three years in the infantry, 82nd Airborne Division and then a year in Korea. He took some time

off from the military and went back to school to get his degree as a doctor of veterinary medicine.

"When I left the Army the first time I said never again," Harvey said. "Never say never. After I got out of school I decided to come back. I like the structure and uniformity."

Active duty and retired military are eligible to use the Redstone veterinary facilities on Gray Road. Appointments for routine checkups and vaccinations are available Mondays from 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., and Tuesdays through Fridays 8-11:30 a.m. and 1-3:30 p.m. Closed holidays and weekends. Call 876-7395.

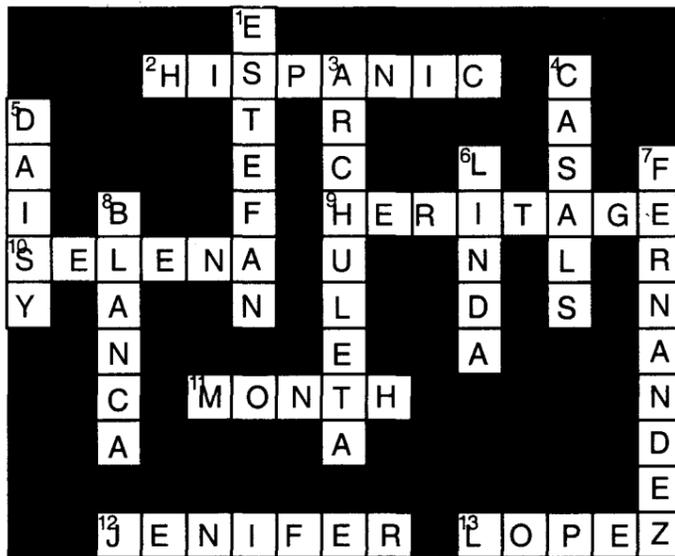
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- 2, 9 & 11: Yearly Hispanic Celebration Sept. 15 - Oct. 15
- 10: First Latina to hit #1 on Billboards Pop Music with "Dreaming of You"
- 12: Hispanic actress who portrayed Selena. Last name Lopez.
- 13: Virtually the only female hispanic golfer. First name Nancy.

Down:

- 1: Miami Sound Machine's Superstar
- 3: 1995 Speaker - Hispanic Heritage Month Luncheon. Ms. Nancy E. _____
- 4: Billie Jean King's doubles partner in 1960s.
- 5: Former TV weather girl/MTV



- 6: 1970s singer sensation. Last name Ronstadt.
- 7: U.S. 1992 Barcelona Olympics duo gold medalists Gigi and Mary Jo _____
- 8: 1998 Speaker - Hispanic Heritage Month Luncheon. Huntsville's own Dr. _____

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oping lifelong friendships with other soldiers from that unit. "Soldiers formed close bonds in Vietnam as a result of the situation and from working and living closely together," he said. "I've got great friendships that have spanned 26 years. We're still close after all of these years, and we realize the importance of the bond we share from Vietnam."

Wilson, Link and Cutbirth have come a long way from their days as young soldiers in remote Vietnam villages, but the time they served there still influences their lives.

They are proud to have served with the elite "Sky Soldiers," and today, they wear the 173rd Airborne Brigade patch with honor.

During six nearly continuous years of combat in Vietnam, the 173rd Airborne Brigade earned 14 campaign streamers and four unit citations. There were 12 Medal of Honor recipients and 6,000 Purple Hearts were awarded to Sky Soldiers during their tour in Southeast Asia. The 173rd Airborne Brigade was redeployed to Fort Campbell, Ky., in 1971 where it was inactivated Jan. 14, 1972.

(Editor's note: Galford is an AMC public affairs specialist.)

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Bicycle ride

A "Critical Mass Bike Ride" will be held 2 p.m. Oct. 31, beginning and ending at The Mall (University and the Parkway). This will be a costume ride with prizes for the cyclists with the best costumes.

5K road race

The Boeing Runner's Club 10th annual "Spirit of Halloween" 5K race and fun run will be held 9 a.m. Oct. 31 at Monroe Street in front of the Von Braun Center. Entry fee is \$10 postmarked by Oct. 24. On-site registration will be \$12 from 7-8:30 a.m. For more information, call Tom and Cheryl Ibarra 881-3590.

Ducks unlimited

The Huntsville Ducks Unlimited Banquet will be held Nov. 5 at the Jaycees Building at the old airport. Social begins at 6 p.m., and dinner at 7. For ticket information, call 533-5540 after 4 p.m.

Health Matters

Alcoholics anonymous

A new group for Alcoholics Anonymous meets Thursdays at 11 a.m. in Sparkman Center building 5304, room 4309. For more information, call the AA central office 885-0323.... The Redstone Arsenal Group of Alcoholics Anonymous meets each Wednesday at noon and Friday at 5:15 p.m. in room 11 of the Bicentennial Chapel.

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. 21 from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m., Oct. 22 from 8 a.m. to noon, and Oct. 26 from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. Evening hours at the Immunization Clinic, Fox Army Health Center for retirees, family members of active duty and retirees (age 9 and older), and DoD civilians are from 5-7 p.m. Oct. 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.

Drug awareness

The National 1998 Red Ribbon Week drug awareness campaign kicks off Friday. "This important campaign affords all of us in the Redstone community an opportunity to demonstrate our commitment to reducing the demand for illicit drugs," a prepared release said. "We can all do a part, large or small, to help achieve that goal, starting with ourselves and expanding it to our local communities, churches and neighborhoods. Wearing a red ribbon represents a unified and visible commitment toward the goal of a drug-free community. It gives to our young people an example to follow; it shows them that being drug-free is important to their future; it indicates to each other, and especially our youth, the significance of being united for a good cause." Red ribbons are available through the Alcohol and Drug Abuse Prevention and Control Program, building 3204, Little John Road. For your red ribbons and other "goodies" stop by that office, call Evelyn Pharris 842-9897 or e-mail her at pharris-ev@redstone.army.mil.

Blood program

Here's the Red Cross blood program schedule for this month: 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.

Diabetic seminar

For military beneficiaries: Fox Army Health Center is offering a diabetic seminar Nov. 4, from 7:45 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. covering information on low blood glucose, basics of eating, dining out, exercise, medications, identifying frustrations, and much more. The seminar staff includes a registered dietitian, a registered nurse, a physical therapist, a

pharmacist, and a psychologist. Beginning in December this seminar will be repeated on the second Wednesday of every month. To register, ask your physician for a referral and bring it to the Public Health and Education Center at FAHC. For more information, call 842-0196.

Miscellaneous

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.

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.

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.

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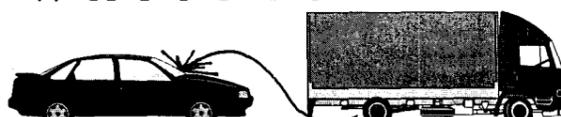
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Thrift Shop job

The Thrift Shop has a job opening for the position of manager effective Jan. 1 with a training period from Nov. 30 to Dec. 31. Applications will be taken through Nov. 18. "Applicants with the following requirements need only reply: knowledgeable in retail sales, computer skills with Windows 95 and Microsoft Office 97 and supervisory skills of volunteers and paid staff members," a prepared release said.

Parking permits

On Oct. 31, all Official Vehicle Parking permits will expire. All Redstone Arsenal activities should send a memo requesting new permits to: AMSAM-RA-DPW-IM, Attn.: Bobby Noles. The request memo should contain: office symbol, building number where personnel work, and person responsible for permits (name and phone number). The memo may be faxed to 955-8137; please do not send e-mail.

Nobel Prize professor

Nobel Laureate Robert Curl of Rice University is to speak on "The

Adventure of Science" at 3 p.m. Friday in the Dawson auditorium at Alabama A&M University. The occasion is the First Putcha Venkateswarlu Memorial lecture, named for an A&M distinguished professor of physics who died in August 1997. Curl, who received the 1996 Nobel Prize in Chemistry on the subject of Fullerenes, will also deliver a seminar lecture to A&M students, faculty and other interested persons on the same morning at 11 in the Dawson auditorium. Everyone is invited to both lectures. Following the afternoon lecture, a reception will be held at 5 p.m. at the West Campus reception area.

Florida Tech course

Florida Institute of Technology will conduct the professional development course "Local Area Networks" from Nov. 3-24 in building 5304. Registration is under way. The class is limited to 25 students. Classes meet once per week for four weeks from 5-9 p.m. Tuesdays. This is course number 2 in a series of nine courses. Cost is \$595. Government employees receive a 10 percent discount. For more information, call 881-7878.

German luncheon

Grace Lutheran School will prepare its annual German Luncheon featuring beef rouladen, noodles, gravy, red cabbage and apple kuchen—all for a donation of \$7 per ticket. The dine-in or take-out meal can be enjoyed at Grace Lutheran School (next to Gibson's Barbecue) at 3321 South Memorial Parkway from 11

a.m. to 1 p.m. Friday. Tickets must be purchased in advance. "So, call 881-0553 and arrange to come by and get your tickets early," a prepared release said. "You'll enjoy a delicious meal and benefit our Grace Lutheran School." Free delivery for 10 or more orders.

Garden plots

Housing Management Division requests your assistance in preparing for next year's gardening season. If you are currently assigned a garden plot, please harvest your crops and remove all fences, stakes, and personal items by Oct. 28. This will allow the contractor to proceed with preparing the soil for the winter season. If you wish to retain the same garden plot next year you should call MSgt. Don Tolbert, housing NCO-in-charge, 876-1445 by March 15. After that date, plots will be assigned on a first come, first serve basis. All active military servicemembers residing on or off post and retired servicemembers are eligible to sign for a garden plot.

Parents council

The Parent Advisory Council will hold its monthly meeting Oct. 27 at 11 a.m. at the Bicentennial Chapel Activity Room. All parents and staff of Child Development Services programs are welcome to attend. An update on our fund-raisers will be given. Parents are reminded that attendance at just one PAC meeting can earn them half the points needed to get 10 percent off your CDC or SAS monthly bill.

For more information, call Sandy Muchow 842-9877.

Fall festival

J.E. Williams Elementary and Technology Middle School will hold its annual Fall Festival from 6-9 p.m. Friday in the school cafeteria. "Please support our school for an evening of fun games, special guests and great food," a prepared release said.

Credit union

The Redstone Arsenal Branch of Redstone Federal Credit Union held its Grand Reopening Ceremony last Friday.

Education committee

The Army Community Service (ACS) Education Committee will meet today at noon at ACS, building 3491. Any parent interested in the educational needs of their child is invited. This meeting is open to everyone. It is helpful to call in advance concerning problem areas that need to be put on the agenda. For more information, call Virginia Dempsey 876-5397.

Resource managers

The American Society of Military Comptrollers will hold its luncheon at 11:30 a.m. Nov. 12 at Trinity Personal Growth Center on Airport Road. Scheduled speaker is George Beckett, corporate membership chairman, ASMC national headquarters. Cost is \$9 for members, \$10 for non-members. For reservations call Janet Sierma 955-3890.

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