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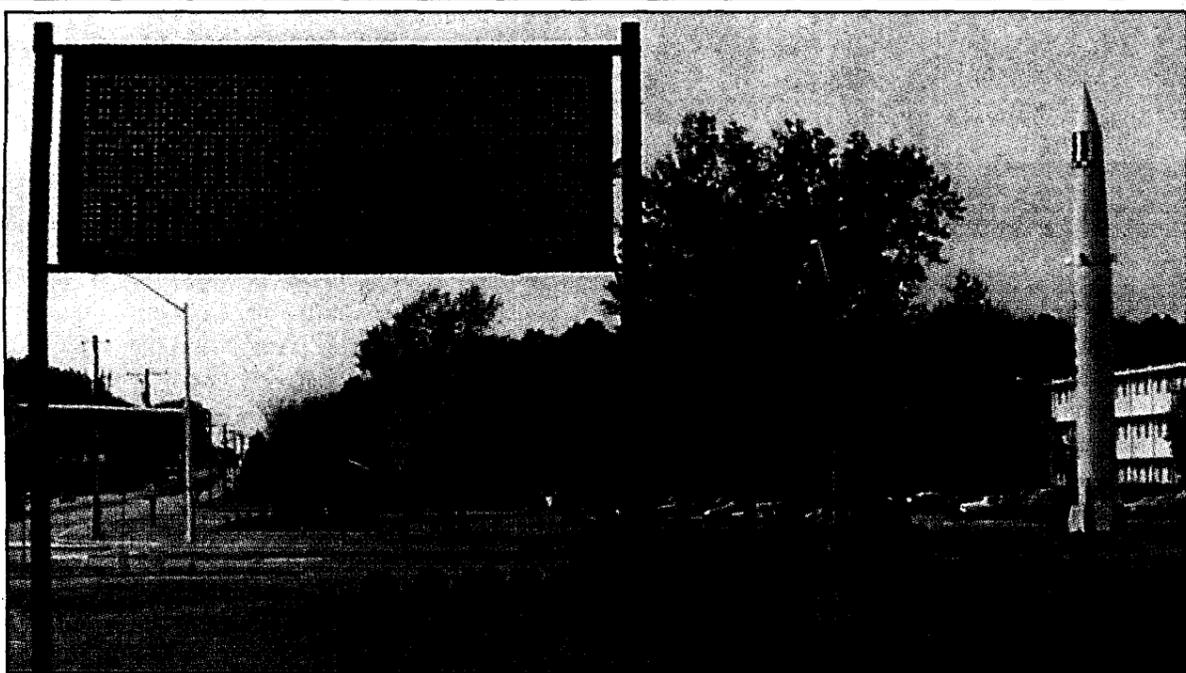


Photo by Skip Vaughn

Autumn sign...

An electronic sign on Martin Road announces Redstone events against a backdrop of trees dressed in fall colors.

Final part of series...

Korean War veteran recounts experience as POW

Editor's note: This is the last of a two-part series by John McQuiston, a management analyst at Missile and Space Intelligence Center, on a local veteran of the Korean War.

By John A. McQuiston

The Korean winters were extremely cold, sometimes reaching minus-60 degrees Fahrenheit. The summers often brought temperatures over 100 degrees.

The first winter Willie Wilson spent there, the troops had only field jackets to counter the conditions. Wilson recalls losing his eyebrows, bit-by-bit, as he wiped ice from them (his eyebrows are still very thin). However, they were outfitted with parkas, long underwear, and gloves prior to the next cold season. They used their bayonets to chip ice for water and ate C-rations. Under these conditions, they could not last for very long periods without a break. Wilson's platoon was evacuated to field hospitals (MASHs) and treated for frostbite and exhaustion. All being in pretty bad shape, they were then sent through Tokyo to Guam for R&R. Guam was the military's place of choice for their R&R because there were no night-clubs or women close by and very little booze. The military wanted them strictly to rest. However, after a few

days, the troops became bored.

After their R&R, it was back to Tokyo, where they were re-outfitted and returned to Korea. Wilson remembers the smell of death immediately upon offloading. It was an awful odor that they could not escape.

Meanwhile, the Army had brought tanks into the country; however, Korea was not a good place to use tanks, given the hills and uneven terrain. As Wilson's platoon moved, they could see the tanks struggling to traverse the hills. He remembers going into a fairly large village/town soon after a large battle had taken place. Chinese and North Korean bodies were everywhere. The odor from the days-old bodies was horrendous. They suddenly heard a column of Army tanks approaching and wondered how the tanks could possibly get through all the decayed, bloated, bodies without running over them. They could not! It was unavoidable. The sight and odor was sickening. Wilson and the rest of his group got sick, threw up. From then on, that death smell seemed to permeate their clothing, even their socks, and they could not escape it. Maybe they imagined it, but it was there just the same.

The patrols continued, and there were more attacks. One night, the sky suddenly lit with flares. One of Wilson's men was hit in the back and just

seemed to evaporate. (Shells can do strange things if they hit in just the right way, and Wilson even remembers jacket zippers becoming projectiles that had to be surgically removed from troops.) Wilson was splattered with blood. He saw only a boot where his buddy had once stood. A mist of cold human vapor slowly settled down on his flesh. There was not enough left of the troop's remains to send home.

They escorted news people, both military and civilian, who took pictures of the chaos and mutilations (without the faces). One Marine found his brother mutilated and went berserk. He was wild-eyed and threatened the photographer with a bayonet.

Eventually, the group was sent back to Japan, where new troops, both officers and enlisted, were receiving advanced individual training. They were playing war games in an effort to prepare them for what lay ahead. Wilson, seasoned combat veteran that he was by this time, needed rest, not more training.

Captured

Back in Korea, their platoon leaders were told to fall out and advance until they either met resistance or were ambushed in order to determine enemy positions. They were like

Command awaits reshape OK from higher headquarters

Early retirement approval process takes longer than expected

By Skip Vaughn

The civilian personnel officer feels your pain.

LeRoy Daniels knows that some members of the work force have put their plans on hold while awaiting word on AMCOM's request for early retirement authority. He said he shares in their frustration, and hopes to receive approval soon from higher headquarters.

As of last week, only one of eight requested competitive areas had been approved for Voluntary Early Retirement Authority. This approval— for

workers stationed at Fort Eustis/Langley Field, Va., not covered by the Laboratory Demonstration Project — means three people can retire early. That's only three of the needed 252 applicants to avert a reduction in force. The Aviation and Missile Command is still awaiting approval for the remaining seven competitive areas and their 249 applicants.

"I understand the employees' frustration and we expected to have this done by now," Daniels

See RESHAPE on page 19



Photo by John Allen

Cultural display...

This Indian teepee was erected at Sparkman Center to raise awareness about Native American Heritage Month during November. There are 170 native Americans in the work force at Redstone— almost 2 percent.

See POW on page 20

Commander's letter: Our holiday party

As we enter the final weeks of 1998, many of us find ourselves reflecting on past accomplishments while mentally preparing for future challenges. But we also find ourselves making plans for the upcoming holiday season.

The holiday season always marks a special time to be with family and friends. Why not join Team Redstone's family at "Our Party" at the Redstone Arsenal Club on Friday, Dec. 11?

"Our Party" will be the perfect occasion for all of us to get together and celebrate the season. Plan now to be a part of the festivities and enjoy a fun-filled evening with good friends.

The Team Redstone Holiday Committee is planning a great party for your enjoyment. Further details about "Our Party" will be published in upcoming issues of the *Redstone Rocket*.

Maj. Gen. Emmitt Gibson
Commander,
AMCOM and Redstone Arsenal

Military Family Week letter from commander

Each year the Department of Defense proclaims the week of Thanksgiving as Military Family Week. In the same way, here at Redstone Arsenal, we take time to celebrate and honor our families who provide valuable contributions to the military community.

Families create the foundation of stability for our soldiers to carry out the mission of our Armed Forces. They take on additional responsibility during mobilization, field duty, and deployment overseas. Families provide a strong framework in our community and represent the best of the lifestyle. We take time during this Thanksgiving week to honor them for their unselfish support.

On behalf of the entire Redstone Arsenal community, I am proud to recognize our military families as vitally important to the support of our soldiers on duty throughout the world.

Maj. Gen. Emmitt Gibson
Commander,
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Letters To The Editor

Accident response

To all the MPs, emergency personnel and all who helped me when I was involved in the accident just inside gate 10 on Nov. 2, you have my deepest thanks and appreciation for all your kind words, concern and professionalism.

I am very proud to work with such a great group of caring people.

Gary Hillis
Phoenix Services

Loving friends

The following poem is about Margaret Craig who worked in the dining facility. She has breast cancer. She had one breast removed. She is doing better now but chemotherapy is keeping her down. I hope everyone will keep her in their prayers!

"Loving someone just for them without a thought

"She became sick and was no longer able to hold the phone

"Through several surgeries and worries

"I held fast to the friendship that will always be

"She no longer feels like herself but is doing much better today

"It was cancer that took her back home again, no longer able to work

"She is smiling though and keeping her head held high

"There are so many of us whom she has touched

"She always greeted everyone with a smile in the morning as you ordered your morning breakfast

"She treated everyone the same and always gave a little more food when you needed it

"She thought and still thinks of everyone else first but I wanted her to know that she is thought about also by us

"We who know her, think of her without thought everyday and our prayers are there for her and her family always

"Loving someone without thought."

SFC Veronica Edmiston
Provost Marshal Office

Responsible residents

Please pass my thanks to the writer (of the Nov. 4 letter) who defended her use of scary/gruesome Halloween decorations, and also to the person who apparently objected in writing to the display; their conflict highlights the decay of community standards that now "showcases" Redstone Arsenal housing during the season of harvest.

We in post housing are a unique community, and vastly different in many ways from those living off post: We're all military families who suffer together the rigors of such a calling, we are all tenants to one single landlord, our houses are smaller and much closer together than those surrounding us, and by and large our homes have a much greater percentage of children under 10 years of age. All these factors lead to the conclusion that we should be a responsible and tight-knit group, balancing the privilege, safety and convenience of post residence with responsibilities and caring of each other. In areas where we've violated our privileges in the past by ignoring our responsibilities, the post has come down and set standards for everyone: in the areas of lawn maintenance, curb edging requirements, door-to-door solicitation, noise ordinances, etc. Most military bases are also restrictive on holiday celebrations with parameters on lighting, time of duration, etc; Redstone Arsenal up to now has been an exception. The pattern is clear: If we are given a privilege and abuse it, then a postwide standard is created and enforced.

The area of main concern is the lack of thought being shown with the selection and use of Halloween decorations in our military community. Whether we individually celebrate Halloween or not, having to daily view the specters of cleaved heads, full-sized witches in trees, dismembered skeletons, and bloody body parts on prominent display in our neighborhood ruins for many of us a wonderful time of year. When people re-create what are basically scenes of violence from R-rated, movies in

their front yards, a significant percentage of our community does get distressed. The standard for the exterior of our post homes should be pretty easy to find: If the decoration will upset your neighbor's grandmother or 2-year-old, it probably doesn't belong in the front yard. As a Supreme Court justice once said, your right to wave your fist in the air ends where the fist would hit someone else in the nose. We must constantly strive to balance one person's right with another's. If you find that the Halloween decoration doesn't pass muster for public display in a community full of small children, you can still enjoy the decoration in the interior of your own home. After all, we already have enough problems to think about in post housing with the bands of marauding plastic pink flamingos that constantly terrorize populace. As for me and my family, we are thankful for the beautiful and joyous fall season found in north Alabama and wish you the very best during it.

Air Force Maj. Robert Knapp

Sincere thanks

Words fail to flow when we try to express our most sincerest thanks and appreciation to you for the way in which you cared for us during the illness and passing of our beloved Rochelle Yvonne Toney Houchin. You were exemplary in your love, kindness and thoughtfulness and we certainly felt the love, concern and your prayers in a most powerful way.

We sincerely wish to thank the entire community for there was not a need that we had that was not met. Certainly, we can truly say that we are glad that Rochelle was acquainted with such a caring and supportive group of people.

We desire your continued prayers in the days ahead as we allow our Lord to heal our broken hearts. We can truly go on record by saying that the healing process has already begun and it started with the way you cared for us during one of the most trying times of our lives.

The Houchin, Toney and Readus Family

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Reup is up...

Reenlistments far exceed goal this year at Redstone

By John Allen

Two recent reports in national newspapers have cited low Army morale and retention problems. However, statistics indicate otherwise at Redstone Arsenal.

According to the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs, Gen. Hugh Shelton (Washington Times, Oct. 23), the military's greatest challenge is to retain personnel and improve morale. He testified to Congress that the remedy to both plans would be to improve retirement pay.

In another article (Wall Street Journal, Oct. 27), retired Maj. Gen. William C. Moore said the military is having a hard time keeping good members. The reason, according to Moore, is that the military "warrior" is being overtaken by the technologist, and in the pursuit of opportunity for all, the fighting elites are now being targeted as no longer relevant to accomplishing the objectives of war.

Contrast these stories with the situation at Redstone, where reenlistment this year has far exceeded its goal, to the tune of 253 percent.

"We at Redstone have the highest retention rate within TRADOC (Training and Doctrine Command), and successful retention rates hold true, generally,

throughout the Army," said SFC Darryl Wright, senior career counselor for the 59th Ordnance Brigade. "I don't even have to sell the Army to reenlistees. I just show them the options and they make the decision, which usually is to stay in the Army." Wright said that one reason the retention rate is so high is that the Army is a secure environment. "And where else can you retire after 20 years?"

Wright's optimism is echoed by PERSCOM's commander, Maj. Gen. Thomas Garrett. In a recent Internet bulletin about the "Indefinite Reenlistment Program," Garrett called the Army's enlisted retention program a success story this year. "As the active Army enters the last quarter of fiscal year 1998, it is exceeding its reenlistment goals for initial and mid-term soldiers. This ensures continued high personnel readiness during some turbulent times."

Two programs

According to Garrett, two key programs have facilitated the Army's reenlistment efforts: Bonuses and RETAIN III. Selective reenlistment bonuses have been successful in raising retention rates to historical levels. For example, 11B (Infantryman) is enjoying its best-ever retention rate this year.

The Army's new auto-

mated retention system, RETAIN III, is more responsive than the previous system. It provides more users with the ability to access the system simultaneously and provides enhanced reports, a user-friendly interface, multiple-task processing, and online help.

Indefinite reenlistment

One of the Army's best initiatives to support retention of career noncommissioned officers has only recently been initiated. It is the Indefinite Reenlistment Program. It is mandatory and applies to all Regular Army soldiers in the rank of staff sergeant, to command sergeant major, who are eligible for reenlistment and have at least 10 or more years of active federal service on the date of reenlistment.

In brief, here's how the program works. The career counselor will apprise soldiers of their options when they come into the reenlistment window (12 months prior to ETS). Each soldier

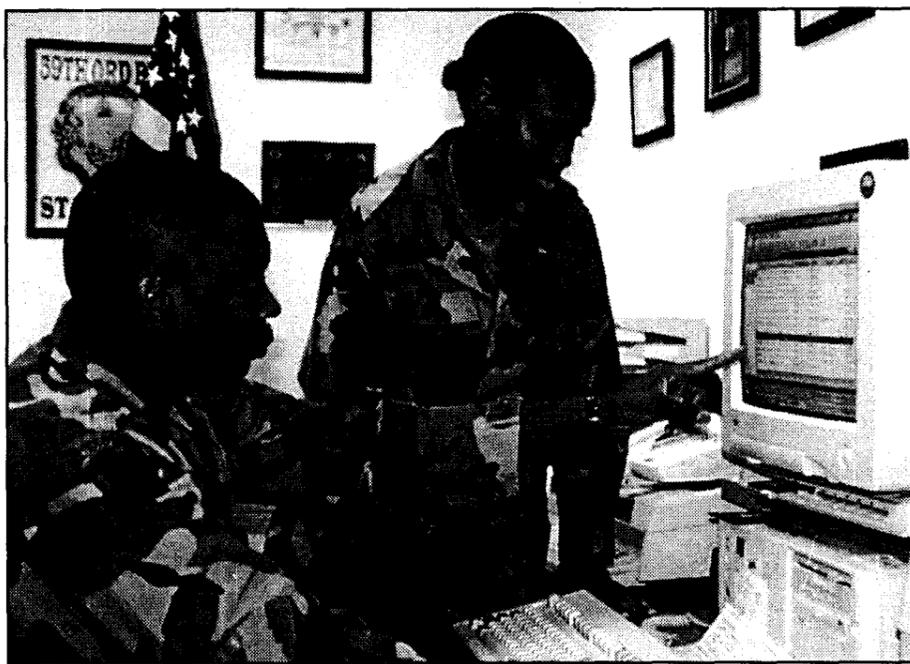


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REVIEWING OPTIONS— SFC Darryl Wright, seated, reviews reenlistment options with SPC Tardenisha Boyd.

will be processed in the RETAIN system, complete all reenlistment documents and take the oath. At that time, the new expiration of term-of-service date will become the same date as the retention control point for the current rank. From that point on, whenever the soldier is promoted, the expiration of term-of-service will be updated to reflect the retention control point for the new rank.

After reenlisting for the indefinite program, a soldier will request voluntary separation or retirement, provided all service-remaining requirements have been fulfilled.

The program is the result of a 1992 Army Deputy Chief of Staff for Personnel-directed study. This study reviewed the merits of an indefinite status for enlisted soldiers. It found that soldiers

(sergeant and below with less than 10 years AFS) who currently had reenlistment options (some skills with a bonus) did not concur with an indefinite status; they preferred to retain their options and bonuses.

On the other hand, career soldiers— staff sergeants and above with 10 or more years AFS, who had only the Regular Army option — and

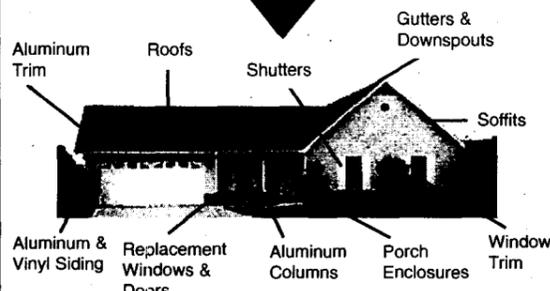
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Very special dinner...

Secretary cooks up winning recipe in national contest

By Meloney Jones

Marianne McGee's quest to prepare a special dinner for friends led to an even bigger prize.

McGee, a secretary in PEO Aviation, was a finalist in the eighth annual Newman's Own/Good Housekeeping Recipe Contest.

Her "Rally 'Round the Ragout, Boys" recipe was selected from more than 2,000 contest entries received from around the United States by Newman's Own/Good Housekeeping.

Recipes were chosen from three categories—main dish, appetizers and desserts. McGee was a finalist in the main dish and a semifinalist in the appetizer category for her "Butch Cassidias" recipe.

"My friends and co-workers were shocked when they heard I was a finalist," she said. "I am known more for my appe-

tizers than for my entrees. Working full time doesn't allow me a lot of time to spend in the kitchen."

When asked how she came up with the recipe and name, she said, "I was having friends over for dinner, and I wanted to impress them with something delicious and special. I just got in the kitchen and tried out recipes. My husband, Ken, sampled the recipe and loved it. After that, I knew it was a winner."

The name came from the movie "Rally Around the Flag, Boys."

"My guests fell in love with my recipe," McGee said. "My friend Michele Platt kept sneaking in the kitchen to taste it, she liked it so much."

When asked what made her enter the contest, McGee said, "My longtime friend from junior high school, Marta Rallis, who lives in Los Angeles, encouraged me to enter my

recipe. Rallis was a Newman Own/Good Housekeeping finalist in 1995. She was very supportive and helpful."

As a finalist in the Newman Own/Good Housekeeping contest, McGee and her friend Rallis were flown to New York for a luncheon with Paul Newman at the Rainbow Room. She also received \$1,000 and spent two nights at the Waldorf Astoria hotel. The judges for the grand prize winner of \$50,000 included Paul Newman, Joanne Woodward and Glenn Close.

In addition, McGee was awarded \$10,000 for the charity of her choice and her local grocery store was awarded \$7,500 for her charity. She selected the Ark Inc. and Magic Moments as her designated charities.

"I chose the Ark Inc. because of the work it does in helping save animals from animal control. It's

the only local animal relief that does natural disaster relief for animals. I am an animal lover. I have three miniature dachshunds, Vito, Violet and Vixen," McGee said. "The Magic Moments is a great charity. They help Alabama, children who have chronic life-threatening illnesses fulfill their wishes. It's like the Make A Wish Foundation.

"Winning the contest gave me the opportunity to help two of my favorite charities in more ways than I could have possibly done on my own.

"I had a wonderful time in New York," she said. "My husband and I try to vacation in New York every other year."

Other cooking contests are in store for McGee. "I'm planning to enter the Pillsbury contest in February. I just have to come up with a new recipe," she said. "When not slaving away over a hot stove, I enjoy tennis and traveling."



Photo from McGee
CREATION— McGee shows her "Rally 'Round the Ragout, Boys" award winning dish at the eighth annual Newman's Own/Good Housekeeping reception in New York.

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American Education Week offers expos, luncheon in community

By James Campbell

This is American Education Week and during this period Team Redstone is working very hard to raise the level of educational awareness in the community. In addition to events that have already taken place in the community this week, we have two education expos planned for Nov. 19.

One expo will be at the Sparkman Center, building 5309, room 9128 from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. The other expo will be at the Army Education Center, building 3222, Snooper Road, from noon to 3 p.m.

Assembled for your convenience at each expo will be college and university representatives from the community. Also, there will be a financial aid representative,

ROTC representative and a representative from the Recruiting Command to assist and answer your questions. Come and get assistance with any educational related issues you may have. Refreshments will be served at both locations.

To close events for the week there will be an American Education Week Luncheon at the Huntsville Hilton Hotel on Friday at 11:30 a.m. Speaker for the event will be Dr. Ed Richardson, superintendent of education for the state of Alabama. Tickets are available for \$12. Contact Sam Whitaker at 876-9761 for additional information and tickets.

(Editor's note: Campbell is the education services officer for Redstone.)

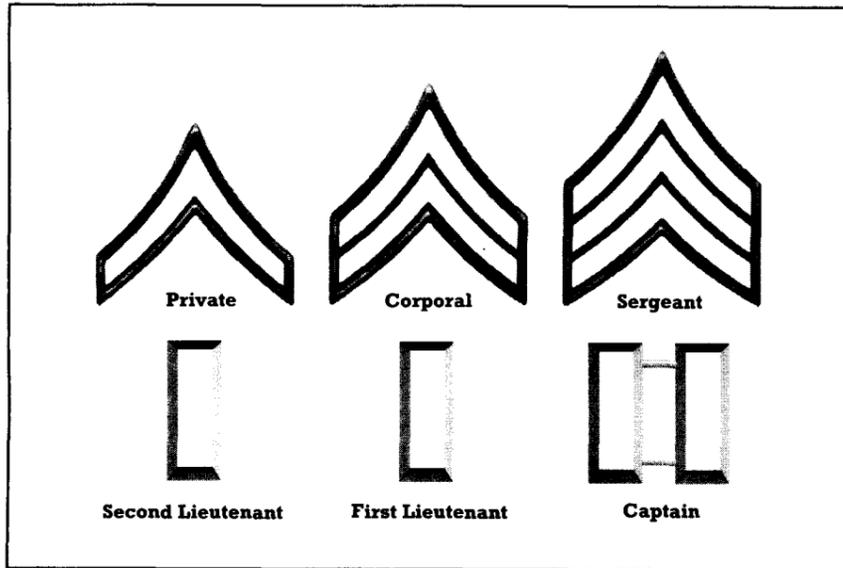


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Semiannual cleanup...

Following the November business meeting, members of the Civilian Welfare Fund Council joined together for their "semiannual cleanup" of the Rustic Lodge and the surrounding area. Council members cut and cleared

underbrush, raked leaves, scraped rust and repainted outside tanks. They also gave the inside of the Lodge a good cleaning, including mopping the floors, and dusting the walls and ceiling fixtures.



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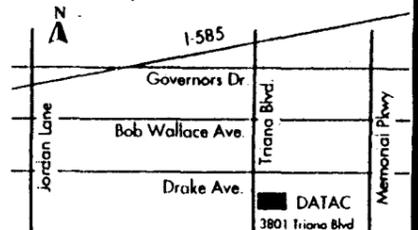
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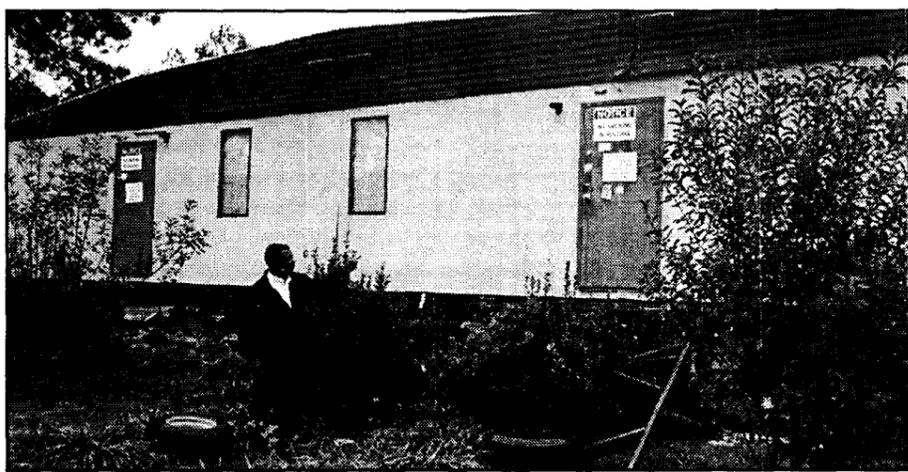
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Saving the taxpayers money is what the Defense Reutilization and Marketing Office is all about. Take the modular office buildings on Redstone as an example.

The responsibility for eight empty buildings was transferred from the users to the DRMO-Huntsville. They were received in place, which means that the buildings were left at their current location off Patton Road, instead of being dismantled and brought to the DRMO location at Redstone. Then pictures and descriptions of the available buildings were put on the web site so that they could be reutilized by government agencies at other locations.

In this case, representatives from the Earl C. Clements Job Corps Center in Morganfield, Ky., saw the buildings and decided that was just what they needed to update their deteriorating facility. So, they in turn hired a contractor to come to Redstone, dismantle six of the buildings and transport them to Morganfield.

The Arsenal saved \$90,000 just by receiving the buildings in place without having to dismantle them



STAGE TWO— These modular buildings are being prepared for removal to Morganfield, Ky., where they will be reutilized as office space for the Earl C. Clements Job Corps Center. Terry said that DRMO will be receiving more buildings like these for reutilization.

and relocate them to the DRMO location on post before finding a user. And on the other end of the line, the Job Corps Center can update their facilities without building or remodeling. It's just the cost of getting the buildings from here to there.

"We don't charge other government agencies for the buildings," Jacquelynn Jacobs, DRMO-Huntsville chief, said. "The costs for dismantling and transportation comes from the receiving agency."

Buildings aren't the only thing reutilized in the government.

"Anything you can imagine that the government would have any reason to requisition, eventually ends

up here," Jacobs said.

According to Booker Terry, DRMO-Huntsville distribution manager, the DRMO receives equipment, buildings, supplies, furniture and more on a daily basis.

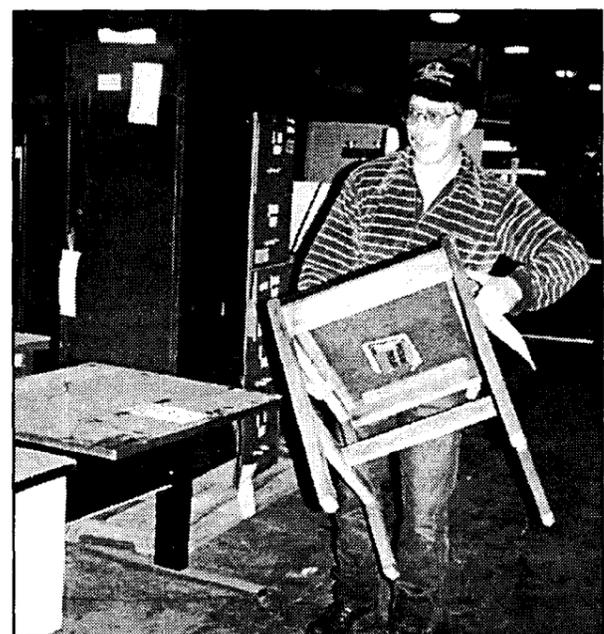
"We constantly have people from all over coming through here to see what we have and if they need any of it," Terry said. "If they see something, they go back and requisition it."

So what happens to all the items that aren't requisitioned by other agencies for reutilization? After a 42-day screening period, it goes on excess and is put up for sale. Merchandise includes furniture, computers, office equipment, electronics,

photographic equipment, clothes, and other items.

Once a month, the DRMO has a sealed bid sale, open to the public. Goods are labeled by lot numbers and stored in warehouses on the Arsenal. Three working days prior to the sale, the warehouses are opened for shoppers to come through, view the merchandise and offer sealed bids on items of interest to them.

The bids are opened on the appointed sale date and



WAREHOUSE BARGAINS— Ken Fisher, DRMO-Huntsville material sorter and classifier, works in the warehouses getting items ready for sale.

the high bidder is contacted. He then has 10 days to pay for and collect the items purchased.

"People can make their bids at the warehouse, fax them in or e-mail them up until 8 a.m. on the day of the bid opening," Terry said. "We usually get about 200 people coming through the warehouses during the three-day sale."

The sales average about \$30,000 which is deposited in the Defense Working

Capital Fund. Items that aren't sold can sometimes be sold for their scrap value.

The next sale at the DRMO-Huntsville will be Jan. 19. Viewing days will be Jan. 13-15 from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the warehouses located on Warehouse Road, off Redstone Road.

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senior Army leaders preferred an indefinite status, similar to the current officer program.

In October 1993, the DCSPER approved the recommendation to develop congressional legislation for an enlisted indefinite status. The recommendation was approved in the fiscal 1997 Defense Authorization Bill.

The guidelines needed to accommodate associated programs, such as assignments, promotions, separations (voluntary, in lieu of permanent change of station and retirements).

Garrett says he believes the implementation of the indefinite reenlistment program is good for the professional NCO Corps, good for the Army, and good for the country. "It will bolster the professional NCO Corps' image while providing a sense of security for those soldiers committed to the Army; enhance our Army's retention rates; and assure that we have a strong 'backbone' to support our national military strategy," he said.

Taking reins of multibillion operation...

Foreign military sales organization gets a new director

By Margaret Banish-Donaldson

Col. Jim Mitchell became director of AMCOM's Security Assistance Management Directorate last month.

His assignment before joining AMCOM was as technical support director in the Program Executive Offices Air & Missile Defense from 1996-98. Although not a veteran of foreign military sales, as were many of his predecessors, Mitchell has wide experience in field artillery and acquisition. The last 12 years he has been in the intelligence and electronic warfare arena.

The mission of SAMD is to support the Secretary of the Army and the Army Chief of Staff by developing, coordinating, resourcing, and assessing Army international activities that support the national security strategy, the national military strategy, and the regional strategies of the combatant commands.

This year the SAMD program is going well. They have managed \$22.3 billion in active foreign military sales cases. Of



Photo Lab picture

MEETING WITH WORKERS— Mitchell tells his SAMD work force at their Town Hall meeting what wonderful people they are and emphasizes how important their missions are.

that amount, \$7.6 billion in equipment and services still has to be delivered.

"Anybody would be pleased to hold this job when they see the caliber of experience in this directorate," Mitchell said. "My challenge is to help my people use their abilities in the most meaningful manner."

Currently, SAMD has 245 people on board. Six have been approved for VSIP and will retire Jan. 3. Another 15 people are on the list waiting for VERA approval.

Mitchell's goal is to survive the rightsizing efforts and try to make this the best SAMD in the entire Army. The best he can tell right now, they are the best and he wants to keep that on track.

The SAMD deals with 70 countries. They have about 34 aircraft models and about 16 missile versions they provide to those nations.

Last year, aviation and new orders provided \$300 million in sales and missiles did \$800 million.

"The good news is 20 percent of all the business

done in the Defense Logistics Agency is paid for by foreign military sales," Mitchell said.

The total Army does \$10 billion in FMS; AMCOM does \$6.2 billion and the rest of the Army \$3.8 billion. Mitchell believes next year they could increase their sales well beyond that figure.

"AMCOM is a great organization, and we, like all others, have constraints and problems, but we have a number of new initiatives we are working on now for the command," Mitchell said.

One of his early priorities will be to see at least a 5 percent decrease in the travel arena. Last fiscal year, SAMD spent \$1 million on travel. This cost is charged to their customers. Mitchell plans to reduce this figure through the use of video teleconferencing and telephone calls.

"We are committed to creating a government that works better and costs less," he said.

In the meantime, Maj. Gen. Larry Smith, the commander of the Army Security Assistance Command, sent a team here in early November to conduct a 100

percent review of what the government employees and contractors do in SAMD.

According to Mitchell, Smith wants to make sure there is no duplication of efforts in the entire security assistance business.

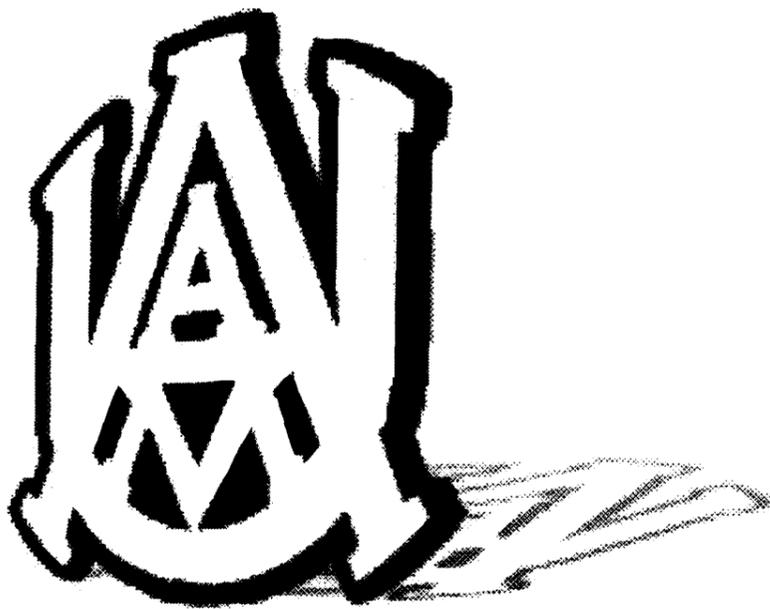
Mitchell won't know how SAMD fared until ASAC comes back in December. "We not only intend to survive with this reinventing FMS," he said, "we expect to thrive."

Mitchell was born Nov. 1, 1947 in York, Pa. He has a bachelor's degree in political science and a master's degree in systems management.

He and his wife, Pam, have been married 33 years and live in Madison. She is a student at Athens State University and will receive her bachelor's degree in December and start graduate school in 1999.

They have two children and one granddaughter. Their son, Kyle, 27, is married and lives in Bethlehem, Pa. Daughter, Jamie, 22, lives at home and attends Athens State University.

Mitchell succeeded Col. Jack Wolfe, who retired from active military service.



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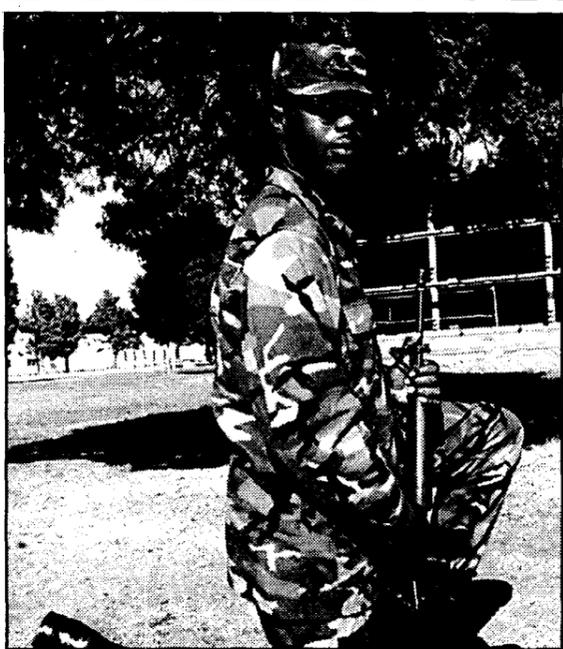


Photo from Felicia Sullivan

Hometown recruiter...

Spec. Delvin Sullivan, a 1998 graduate of Alabama A&M University, has completed a 10-day tour as a hometown recruiter at the Huntsville Recruiting Station. Sullivan joined the Army from the Huntsville Station last May as a logistics specialist. He reported Nov. 11 to the 25th Infantry Division in Hawaii.

Lockheed Martin Vought wins Guided MLRS bid

The award of a \$121 million, four-year contract for the cooperative development of the Guided Multiple Launch Rocket System (GMLRS) rocket was announced Nov. 5 by the Program Executive Office for Tactical Missiles.

Lockheed Martin Vought Systems, Grand Prairie, Texas, received the Engineering and Manufacturing Development (EMD) contract, which is an international cooperative program with the United States, the United Kingdom, Germany, France and Italy. The five countries will work together throughout the EMD and production phases of the rocket's life cycle.

"We expect substantial opportunities for U.S. and European industry to compete for future GMLRS production work," Dennis Vaughn, MLRS deputy project manager, said.

Key contract features include the reduction of procurement time lines by permitting technology insertions by all international partners, and the maximum use of international competition among subcontractors.

The GMLRS rocket will include a global positioning system (GPS) aided inertial guidance package integrated on a GMLRS rocket body. Small canards on the GMLRS nose will add basic maneuverability to further enhance the accuracy and range of the system.

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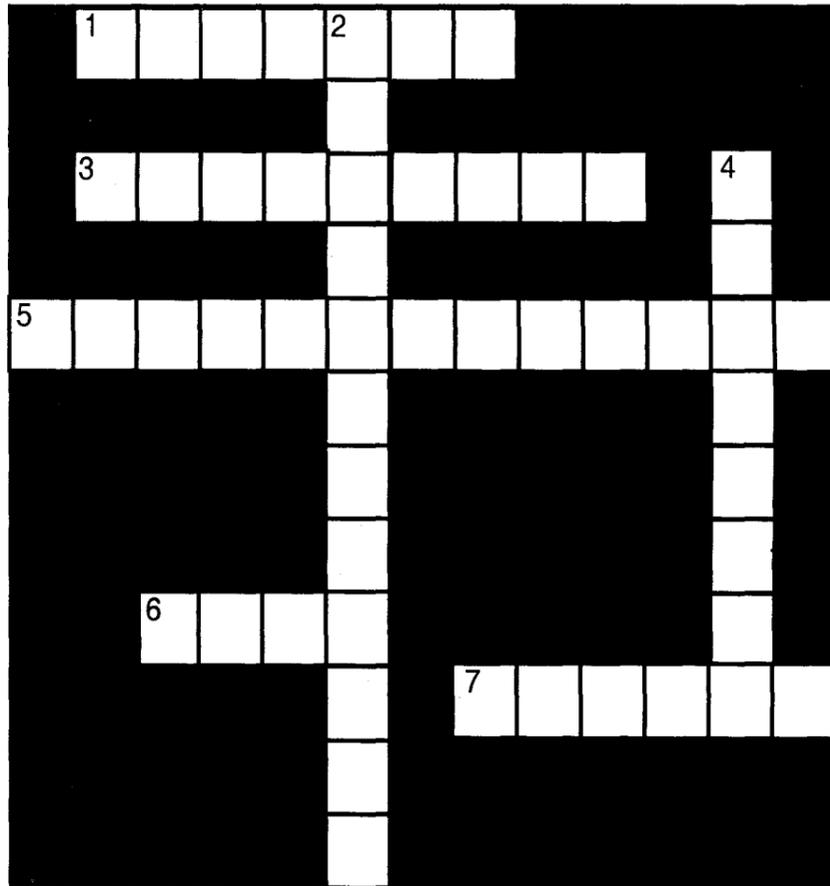
Here's another quiz for Native American Heritage

Test your knowledge of Native American words by completing a puzzle in today's *Rocket*. This is the second puzzle provided by the EEO Office in observance of Native American Heritage Month in November. There will be three winners for this puzzle. Completed puzzles can be turned in to Kate Love at the Equal Employment Opportunity Office in the Sparkman Center, building 5300, room 5130 or faxed to 876-8947.

WORDS ASSOCIATED WITH NATIVE AMERICANS

Across:

1. Indian word for deer meat
3. Headpiece worn in battle
5. Place of Custer's last stand
6. This celestial night object was used to keep track of time (these many ____ ago) (these many ____ from now)
7. Canine related to wolfs and dogs



Down:

2. This was used by Indians for long-distance communication
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Stealing just isn't worth risk

Shoplifters lose store privileges, ruin career

By Sandy Riebeling

Ambling through the Post Exchange one afternoon you spot a new CD on the display that you've been wanting to get. A quick mental check and you note that even though you have enough money for the CD, if you buy it, there's no way you could go out tonight and you've been looking forward to the night out for a week... but the more you look at that CD, the more you think you have to have it.

Suddenly the answer pops into your head—you could just take it. You look up and down the aisle and realize no one is looking. It would be easy to slip it in the inside pocket of your coat. Your brain tries to convince you that stealing is wrong but all you are concentrating on is having that CD.

Your breathing gets a little quicker as you check out the aisle again. Still clear. Your heart starts beating harder and faster as you reach out and take the CD in your hand. Somewhere in the back of your mind you hear a little voice saying... what if you get caught? But you push the thought aside as you slip the CD into your pocket. Now it's not a matter of if you will take it, but how to get out without getting caught.

You head to the front of the store, trying to be casual. Your hands start to sweat and your heartbeat gets louder and louder as you pass the ID checkpoint. The doors are in sight. You've made it.

Then there's a gentle tap on your shoulder. You turn to meet the eyes of sweet looking young woman who says, "Can I see your ID, please?" It's Cheryl Jones, the PX security manager, and you've just been caught shoplifting.

No matter what you do or say from this moment on, you are a shoplifter. You have a criminal record. You have just changed your life forever.

Stealing a \$15 CD at the Post Exchange may well cost you more than you imagined, warns Kenny Barton, PX general manager. And it's not about if you get caught. Sooner or later, you will get caught.

"Once we pull you into the office, we call the MPs and they take over from there," said Jones, a store detective for the last seven years. "Some people come clean and you can see that they really regret it. Others just sit there, unapologetic. Either way, the case goes the military police and it's up to them what happens."

Shoplifters automatically lose privileges at the PX. For first offenders it's six months. Additional repercussions may include a fine and probation and quite possibly, jail time. Military personnel also may face dishonorable discharge or other disciplinary measures. Barton said that 60-65 percent of those caught are usually first time offenders.

"It may not be the first time they've shoplifted, just the first time they were caught," he said. "The other 40 percent you'll find have probably been in trouble before."

Besides the lost privileges and court sentence, the responsible party must answer to the company commander.



Photo by Sandy Riebeling

CANDID CAMERA— Post Exchange detectives keep an eye on shoppers throughout the store using surveillance monitors.

"If you're active duty and your spouse, child, or guest comes in and steals something, you get brought up before the commander to answer for that," Barton said. "Retirees have to answer to the deputy post commander."

Jones also points out that the person sponsoring a relative or guest, who doesn't have an ID card, is responsible for their actions.

So far this year, the store has lost about \$10,000 to shoplifters. A cost that is passed on to the other customers—the ones who do pay.

The store detectives catch an average of 75 shoplifters a year. The PX has an extensive system of cameras and monitors to keep every area of the store under surveillance. Detective teams not only watch the

monitors but browse the store and report any suspicious behavior. VCRs are built into the system for a video record of the crime. Jones said that shoplifting tends to increase during the holiday seasons and summer break.

"We've seen a rise in shoplifting the last few months," Barton said. "And we're going to catch them. We may not get them the first time, and maybe not the second, but we will get them. And once they've been arrested, it goes on their record. And that will haunt them for the rest of their lives."

A shoplifting arrest will show up in background checks used for employment in both military and civilian jobs. This sort of

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Hot Ticket

Calling it a career...

Retirement just means changing jobs for Westmoreland

By Skip Vaughn

The last of Redstone's original calibrators is ending his government career.

But retirement from civil service in January 1999 doesn't mean Dr. Frank Westmoreland plans to stop working. He has accepted a job with Raytheon effective Jan. 1.

"I'm not really retiring, I'm just changing jobs," Westmoreland said laughing. "I'm going to work for Raytheon. Too young to retire. John Glenn and I have to keep going."

Westmoreland, director of engineering, acquisition and logistics at TMDE Activity, will leave with 39 and a half years of service including four years in the military. He joined the Army Metrology and Calibration Program in 1963.

"I feel excited about starting a new career. I don't have any regrets on retiring," he said.

The 67-year-old Athens native does regret that he didn't start his government career immediately after graduating from the University of Alabama. He received a bachelor's degree in industrial engineering in 1960 and went to work for a textile company in Georgia. Two and a half years later, Westmoreland joined Boeing in New Orleans on the Saturn program. Boeing sent him to Huntsville in 1963 and he accepted a government job at Redstone.

He became an industrial engineer in metrology and calibration. And his first major project was construction of building 5435, TMDE's current headquarters. "I think we moved into it probably '66," he recalled. "And then when we got the

building, we also got the Army Metrology and Calibration Center mission and that had been at Frankfurt Arsenal in Philadelphia."

The former Frankfurt center moved to Redstone in 1967. Of the 200 job spaces, only 14 of the Philadelphians moved to Alabama. "So those of us that were here knew very little about operating that mission," Westmoreland said. He became a supervisor in 1967 and has been one ever since. Westmoreland has served in his current position at Test Measurement and Diagnostic Equipment Activity, part of the Aviation and Missile Command, since August 1996.

"I guess the most exciting job I've ever had was when I was responsible for putting together the U.S. Army TMDE Activity Support Conus. That's when we brought all the TMDEs in continental U.S. under our control. It was a big challenge," Westmoreland said.

This happened in 1981 when 1,000 people were brought in from at least 60 locations. Westmoreland was chairman of a study for Department of Army on a new Armywide concept for calibration and repair. The study recommended bringing all of the Army's calibration and repair capability under one commander; and the Army's vice chief of staff approved that concept in November 1978. "And then I got the job of implementing it, and it was a challenge," Westmoreland said.

"It was not easy but we did it. And it was really what created this organization. And we provided the Army the best calibration service it had ever seen."



Photo by Skip Vaughn

ARTIST— Westmoreland shows some of his wood carvings and drawings in his office at TMDE Activity.

Westmoreland received a master's degree in business administration from Athens State University in 1971 and a doctor of management degree from Southeastern Institute of Technology in 1982.

He and wife, Jacqueline, a contract specialist in the Acquisition Center, have four daughters and six grandchildren. Their daughters include Pam Loggins, an information specialist at the Program Executive Office for Tactical Missiles; Pattie Putman of Huntsville, Paula Wright of Athens, and Peggy Schifano of Pelham.

Westmoreland enjoys drawing pictures of historic buildings and wood carving.

Many of his works are displayed in his office at building 5435. "And I'm a big flower guy. I like day lilies. I've got a number of different varieties, and I've been giving them away for years," he said.

He paused and searched for words when asked his feelings about leaving the Redstone work force. "I don't think about it much. I just— that's funny. I guess I'm in denial," he said with a laugh. "It hasn't happened yet."

But will he miss the work force? "I'll miss the people. Of course I feel a part of the whole thing," he said, his voice trailing off. "Been here for so long."

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Tap into new applications through home page

TIPREQUEST combines four automated systems for members of command

By Connie Schulte

The Corporate Information Center announces new administrative applications that will be available through the AMCOM home page in November. These applications replace the current Installation Level Administrative Support System (ILASS) that was first introduced in 1993.

The training approval system (DD1556) will be replaced by TIPREQUEST. TIPREQUEST is a combination of four automated systems being utilized by the training office and individuals throughout the command. It incorporates the Training Information Program (TIP), ILASS DD1556 system, the government schools approval system used by the training office (DADDS), and the Desktop IDP. The first release of TIPREQUEST will not include the IDP option, but should be available sometime after the first of the year. Features of the older systems will continue such as automatic vendor pay with DFAS OPLOC St.

Louis and posting training completions to the employee's official training record in the Defense Civilian Personnel Database System (DCPDS) located in San Antonio, Texas.

The automated Overtime Request Form (SMI Form 1029) and the Visit Authorization Form (DARCOM Form 1663) will also be available through the AMCOM home page.

TRIPS (Travel Reengineered Interim Processing System) is the web application for the Travel Order Form (DD Form 1610), the Travel Voucher (DD Form 1351-2), and the Request for Commercial Travel (DD Form 1305). TRIPS is an interim system that will be available only to our tenant organizations. While PATS is the travel system for AMCOM organizations, our tenant customers expressed a need for an automated application to process overseas travel orders. TRIPS will meet this need until OCONUS travel processing is available through RATS, approx-

imately 8-12 months. TRIPS will continue to interface with the required financial systems.

The last option of ILASS is the Total Army Personnel Evaluation System (TAPES). TAPES includes the automated version of the Senior System Civilian Evaluation Report (DA Form 7222), Senior System Civilian Support Form (DA form 7222-1), Base System Civilian Performance Counseling/ Checklist (DA Form 7223-1), and the Base System Civilian Evaluation Report (DA Form 7223). These applications will not be available until sometime after the first of the year; however, users should be assured that all current and history records will be available in the web version when fielded.

This has been a total team effort and the development team is to be congratulated for their teaming efforts.

The web applications have been developed with the very latest technology available providing our customers with the most efficient method of processing administrative forms. The team members include Jan McKin, Joan

Poma, Roger Mullins, Michael Timberlake, Taylor McDonald and Tom Fleming. Also the team would like to recognize the efforts of the Technology Integration Directorate, CIC for their support throughout this development, providing the hardware and configuration management required in support of this effort.

While the new systems are ready to be fielded, Army's guidance on internet and intranet security is requiring ISD to re-look at the security issues. Log on IDs and passwords will be required for every user and will be generated the first time a user accesses any one of the applications. The single login ID and password will allow entry into any of the administrative functions.

Look for the applications on the AMCOM Home Page subject index in November.

(Editor's note: Schulte is a computer specialist and team leader in the Corporate Information Center.)



Photo by Sandy Riebeling

Superfund video...

It was a gorgeous Saturday to shoot video footage at the Col. Carroll D. Hudson Recreation Area for a short film about environmental cleanup programs at Redstone. The crew from Army Education Television, under the training division of Corporate Information Center, asked Redstone employees and their children to participate in the video that highlights cleanup efforts at the old rocket engine facility on the Arsenal.

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By safely preparing turkey...

Get stuffed not sick at your annual Thanksgiving feast

By Cherie Miller

Let's talk turkey. Thanksgiving turkey, that is. Yes, it's time to start thinking about purchasing and preparing the main attraction of many holiday feasts.

Unfortunately, improper handling and preparation of turkey may result in a visit from an unwanted guest—food borne illness. The following tips will help you provide a tasty and safe holiday meal.

Always look for the USDA inspection label when purchasing turkey or turkey parts. This ensures that the turkey has been inspected for wholesomeness. You may also look for a grade stamp on the label. Most turkeys on the market are Grade A. They are meaty and have fewer pinfeathers, bruises, broken

bones and other imperfections than lower grade turkeys.

Turkey may be purchased fresh or frozen. Frozen turkeys should be frozen solid at the time of purchase. They may be stored one year at zero degrees without a noticeable loss of quality. Unless the packaging on the turkey has been torn or damaged, there is no need to rewrap the bird for the freezer. Fresh turkeys should be purchased 1-2 days before cooking and stored in the refrigerator at 40 F or below to avoid spoilage.

Thawing is a primary consideration when preparing frozen turkey.

Turkeys may be thawed in the refrigerator, under cold running water, in the microwave, or as part of the cooking process. The key is to plan ahead to ensure you

have enough time to complete the method you choose. Turkeys should NEVER be thawed at room temperature. Bacteria will grow on the warmer surface while the inside is still solidly frozen!

If thawing a turkey in the refrigerator, simply place the wrapped turkey on a tray to catch the moisture as it thaws. You may also place the unopened turkey in a pan or sink and place it under water that is 70 F or below. Cook the turkey as soon as it is thawed. If thawing in a microwave, check the oven manufacturer's instructions for the correct number of minutes, power level, etc. The turkey may also be thawed as part of the cooking process by roasting the frozen bird, unstuffed, in a baking pan. Use the following chart to determine the

amount of thawing time needed for these methods:

- Weight 8-12 pounds, 1-2 days in refrigerator, 4-6 hours in cold water, 6-7 hours frozen (cook time).
- 12-16 pounds, 2-3 days in refrigerator, 6-9 hours in cold water, 7-8 hours frozen (cook time).
- 16-20 pounds, 3-4 days in refrigerator, 9-11 hours in cold water, 8-9 hours frozen (cook time).
- 20-24 pounds, 4-5 days in refrigerator, 11-12 hours in cold water, 9-10 hours frozen (cook time).

After thawing the turkey, remove the giblets and neck from the body cavities and wash turkey, inside and out, with cold water and drain. Prevent the spread of bacteria by washing your hands, sink, and all utensils that may have contacted the raw turkey.

Turkey should be stuffed

immediately prior to roasting. If stuffed sooner, bacteria may grow in the stuffing and cause food illness. Dry stuffing ingredients may be mixed ahead of time. Refrigerate perishables (butter, broth, vegetables, etc.) and mix them with the dry ingredients just before stuffing the turkey.

Roast the turkey to an internal temperature of 185 F. A meat thermometer may be used by inserting it into the thick part of the thigh muscle. Dressing should be cooked to an internal temperature of 165 F. Remove any dressing from the turkey immediately after cooking to reduce the chance of bacterial growth.

All turkey leftovers should be refrigerated or frozen within two hours of removing the turkey from the oven. Disease causing bacteria may multiply if the

turkey is left at room temperature for longer than that. Place the leftovers in shallow pails or bowls to allow quicker chilling.

Turkey leftovers will keep in the refrigerator for 3-4 days. Gravy and stuffing leftovers should be used within one or two days. Frozen leftovers should be used within one month.

If you have additional questions about turkey or turkey preparation, you may contact the Public Health and Education Center at Fox Army Health Center at 842-0196 or the U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) Meat and Poultry Hotline at 800-535-4555.

(Editor's note: Miller is an environmental health/safety specialist at the Public Health and Education Center, Fox Army Health Center.)

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record wrecks personal credibility.

Jones also said that there wasn't any one type of person that typifies a shoplifter.

"They are young and old, active duty and

retired. It could be anyone," she said.

"Sometimes it's sad," Barton said. "We have some good kids that get picked up for shoplifting. They may have only done it this one time but it will affect them for the rest of their lives."

Jones also said she has observed cases where people accidentally walk out of the store with something, or a child takes some-

thing without understanding that the parents have to pay for the item.

"You know the difference between someone who simply forgot to pay for an item and someone who was trying to shoplift," Jones said. "When that happens, I identify myself and ask them to take the item back to the cashier and pay for it."

Barton is hoping that the Civil Recovery Act will soon be implemented at Redstone, as it has been in PXs in many other states. The act would require a shoplifter to make restitution of 10 times the value of the items stolen. There are some state legal issues that have to be worked out before the Act can be implemented here.

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Finding a way...

Orienteering competition tests soldier's skills

By Sandy Riebeling

Orienteering puts everything a soldier has learned about land navigation in the classroom to a real-life test in the great outdoors.

The fun-spirited volunteer competition at Redstone is set for Nov. 20 when teams of soldiers compete to reach, on foot, as many predetermined locations as possible, spread across two mountains, in three hours time, using only a map, protractor and compass.

"It's sort of like land navigation but different," 1st Lt. Joy Coleman said. "The soldiers will primarily be using terrain association—looking at a map, reading the topography, to find the locations."

The competition includes 16 locations, each with an assigned point value, according to distance from

the starting point and difficulty level. Soldiers will assemble at Vincent Park where each team of three will be given a map of the area, the coordinates of the locations and 30 minutes to plot the locations on their map and plan a strategy.

"Theoretically, no one can reach all the locations within three hours," Coleman said. "But some soldiers do run the whole course. It also has a lot to do with strategy. Do they go after all the closest points? Do they go out to the farthest point and work their way back? It's really up to the team and what they think they can do."

The team must work as one unit, reporting to each location together. The locations are manned by military personnel to verify which teams reached each location.

"I think the competition

here at Redstone is the most challenging one I've been in," Drill Sgt. Reginald Tyus said. "I've competed here for the last two years but I've done it at Fort Drum (N.Y.), Fort Campbell (Ky.), Fort Lewis (Wash.). The course is harder here. Going up that mountain is rough."

On a good day, the course is difficult for soldiers in top condition, but when Mother Nature turns ugly, that's when, according to Tyus, it brings out the best.

"Last year we had miserable weather," Tyus said. "It was rainy and cold, but the competition was great. I think I do better under those conditions. It makes you work harder and perform better."

So if the course is exhausting and the weather conditions terrible, why do it?

"It's a blast," Drill Sgt. David Spencer said. "The courage is not in doing it the

first time. It's in doing in a second and third time when you already know what you're up against. It's great."

"The competition is a test of skills that every soldier should have," Coleman said. "Soldiers are taught some map reading in basic and in AIT (Advanced Individual Training). This lets them take what they've learned, especially the younger soldiers who have never had the chance to exercise the skills learned in the classroom, and see what they can do. It gives them a feel for what it's really like. And it helps to sharpen all the soldiers' skills. It's about speed, distance and strategy."

The annual competition is open to all soldiers on the Arsenal. Prizes are awarded for the top three scoring individual teams and the top three scoring



Photo by Sandy Riebeling

STRATEGY—Testing their skills in terrain association and land navigation, C Company drill sergeants Spencer, left, and Tyus, will team up with 2nd Lt. Brett Smith for the Orienteering competition Nov. 20.

units. To be eligible for a Unit award, the unit must have four teams with three soldiers each.



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Kicking the smoking habit can put pep back in your step

Health officials promote Thursday's 'Great American Smokeout'

By Eileen Bailey

Once again the nation turns its attention to the Great American Smokeout.

Annually, the American Cancer Society promotes healthy lifestyles by encouraging all Americans who use tobacco in any form to quit. Much of our society is developing a "one day at a time" philosophy. With that in mind, make this day of quitting lead to a lifetime of tobacco freedom. This year the Great American Smokeout is Nov. 19.

We at Fox Army Health Center join the American Cancer Society in supporting the trend to give up tobacco. There are several methods to help with tobacco cessation (quitting); these include just going cold turkey, over the counter nicotine treatments (patches and gum), self-help programs, organized support groups/programs, hypnosis, prescription medication, and a combination of these. Currently, Fox Army Health Center is offering a program utilizing the prescription medication Zyban (bupropion HCL) or the patch in conjunction with group support and an education program.

One of the biggest perceived "drawbacks" to quitting smoking is the "weight gain." Many people have experienced weight gain with past attempts to quit. It has been stated when you

quit smoking, and make no other changes in your lifestyle, you will gain 5-10 pounds. If you continue to maintain that lifestyle, weight will come off in two years. One of the culprits in weight gain with tobacco cessation is lifestyle changes. People decrease their daily activity, increase the foods they eat and consequently they gain more than the 5-10 pounds. But this weight gain is not inevitable; there are many ways to avoid or control the weight gain. One of the best ways to reduce weight gain and the stress often associated with quitting is to "get moving"—I hate the word exercise. Take a walk, ride a bicycle, go dancing or get involved in an aerobics program. Make it a part of your life. If you have to, schedule an appointment with yourself for this activity. Other coping mechanisms (if you are not into "moving") include chewing sugarless gum, sucking on low calorie candies, or finding things to do with your hands that are not food related. Suggestions can include: crossword puzzles, knitting or crocheting, twirling a toothpick or any other creative things you can think of.

Once you have made the commitment to finally quit tobacco use for good, prepare yourself to be successful. Failing to plan is planning to fail. Write down

and put in a prominent place your personal reasons for quitting. Involve other people, tell your friends, your kids, your significant other that you are quitting tobacco use and what they can do to help you. Set a firm date for quitting, mark it on your calendar and commit to it. Prior to your quit date, start practicing ways to increase your exercise, drink plenty of non-caffeine beverages, get plenty of rest, and improve your diet. Reduce your fat and sugar consumption, and increase your fruits and vegetables. Start changing your habits. Buy only a pack/tin at a time, sit in different chair at the table, put the phone in your "cigarette" hand, put the pack/tin in a different drawer in a different room,

anything to be different.

Quitting isn't easy, but the health rewards are worth the effort. Just 24 hours after your last cigarette, your body has started cleaning the nicotine out of your body. As time passes you lower the risk of heart disease, lung diseases, multiple types of cancer and other respiratory problems. You may notice an overall increase in your energy, less facial wrinkling, a better sense of smell and taste develop, and you have extra money. After one year of tobacco freedom, you can notify your life, health and car insurers and get lower rates. Look at some of the savings you can make. If you smoked one pack per day for the last 25 years, you have spent an average

of \$22,812 on cigarettes.

Once you have accomplished the wonderful task of being tobacco free for a day, a week, and even for a month, it is time to focus your energy on avoiding the temptation to have "just one cigarette." One of the best ways to avoid a relapse is to learn specific techniques to help you cope with stress and the situations that trigger your cravings for tobacco. These techniques are taught in many of the smoking cessation programs available in the community and at Fox Army Health Center.

The bottom line is you can quit tobacco use. You must be prepared. Ask for help when appropriate, plan for relapses and keep trying, even if you relapse. Public Health and Education Cen-

ter, Fox Army Health Center offers tobacco cessation classes. These classes are open to all military beneficiaries, and DoD civilians. Fox Army Health Center will provide patches or Zyban to those beneficiaries eligible for care, but you must attend classes. Statistics show a higher success rate with group support and counseling. Our next class begins the first week in January, just in time to help with your New Year's resolution. For more information on the Great American Smokeout, or to register for the next session of classes, please call 842-0196.

(Editor's note: Bailey is a registered nurse at the Public Health and Education Center, Fox Army Health Center.)

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Sports & Recreation



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Racquetball champs...

The Marine Detachment racquetball team went undefeated in the unit tournament, beating D Company 832nd in the final Nov. 4. Team members include, from left, Master Gunnery Sgt. Red Hodges, Sgt. Clint Martinez; and Maj. Tom Neis, commanding officer of the Marine Detachment. Not pictured is SSgt. Richard Nyman.

Running the streets...

Bravo Bulldogs bite competition in Halloween 5K through downtown



Photo by Skip Vaughn

FAST FRIENDS— From left Alvarez, Steel and Schwarz swept the trophies in the male 15-19 age group at the Spirit of Halloween 5K.

Bravo Company soldiers wore running shoes and took the scenic route on Halloween.

Thirteen members of B Company, 832nd Ordnance Battalion participated in the annual Spirit of Halloween 5K held Oct. 31 in downtown Huntsville. Their top three finishers— Pvts. Pablo Alvarez, Arlis Steel and Walter Schwarz — all won awards in the male 15-19 age group.

Alvarez finished in 18:46 followed by Steel (19:20) and Schwarz (19:48).

The unit's other finishers included

Michael Watt, Adam Dye, Mitchell Cottrell, Christopher Torres, Phillip Cooper, Joshua Wood, Delatric Miller, Ryan Pope; Capt. Jennifer Curtis, the company commander; and Drill Sgt. Harry Jeffries.

Michael Yarnell of Harvest won the race in 16:39. Kathy Faulkner of Huntsville was the repeat women's winner in 19:02, bettering her winning time from last year by 11 seconds. There were 453 finishers in the race which is sponsored by the Boeing Runners Club.

Iron Bowl favorite has to be Alabama

By Skip Vaughn

My college football predictions went 175-56 over 11 weeks. Here are Skip's Picks for selected games this week:

- Auburn at Alabama— Bama
- Arkansas at Miss. State— Ark.
- Florida at Fla. State— Fla. State
- Ole Miss at Georgia— Georgia
- Kentucky at Tennessee— Tenn.
- LSU at Notre Dame— Notre Dame
- South Carolina at Clemson— Clemson
- Ala. A&M at Ark.-Pine Bluff— Pine Bluff
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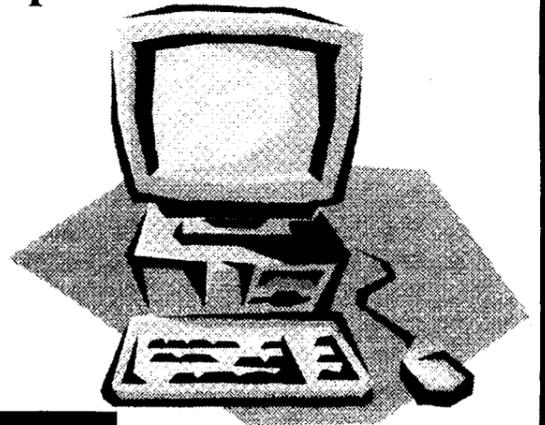


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said. "We absolutely did not anticipate the many changes we have been required to make. Discussions regarding revisions to the VERA process are being held constantly. We are trying our level best to impress upon our higher headquarters the need to approve our requests and we know that many employees have been holding their leave in abeyance pending a decision. I suggest for all employees with use-or-lose leave balance to schedule the leave so that they will not lose leave while waiting for a decision."

The ongoing discussions have included AMCOM, headquarters Army Materiel Command, and Department of Army. "Most of our discussions are with AMC," Daniels said.

The office of the secretary of defense approved early retirement for three applicants at Fort Eustis/Langley Field. At presstime, the Army was still reviewing requests for the other seven competitive areas.

"We still are looking to complete this process if at all possible by 3 January 1999; however, such action is contingent upon our receiving VERA approval and our ability to do all the paperwork connected with retirement provisions," Daniels said. "Therefore, the VERA window to receive applications is programmed for 10 work-days but may be shortened depending upon the time that we receive VERA approval."

He recalled the constant changes that have occurred so far. On Aug. 10, the command was notified that it needed to make some changes on how it would approve applicants for early retirement. "What Department of Army wanted us to do was have 'non-personal factors' in the VERA applicant approval process," Daniels said. "We were faced with three choices. Choice one was first-in, first-out—that is the first applicant to apply would be the first applicant approved. The next option was to target applicants by job title, series and grade.

The third option was to approve applicants in the order of their leave service computation date.

"Then after much analysis, the command concluded that of those three options we should use the leave service computation date option."

The command can approve three applicants from Fort Eustis/Langley Field. "So if we have five applicants, the senior three would get to go," explained Bonnie Taylor, chief of the Reshape team.

There have been some changes in the approval process for early retirement. For example if an approved applicant is surplus, then the applicant would save himself or herself. If the approved applicant is not surplus, officials would have to find a surplus employee in the applicant's organization or another organization within the competitive area. The complete policy is posted on the Civilian Personnel Advisory Center's web page at the following address: <http://intranet.redstone.army.mil/cpo>.

"It's really important for people to understand that commands other than AMCOM cannot participate on an expanded basis like they did for (Voluntary Separation Incentive Pay)," Taylor said.

The command is awaiting approval for early retirement authority in the following competitive areas: all employees stationed at Redstone Arsenal/Huntsville not covered by a Laboratory Demonstration Project; Missile RDEC employees covered by the Laboratory Demonstration Project stationed at Redstone Arsenal/Huntsville; Aviation RDEC employees covered by the Laboratory Demonstration Project stationed at Redstone Arsenal/Huntsville; all employees stationed at Granite City, Ill.; all Aviation RDEC employees covered by the Laboratory Demonstration Project stationed at Fort Eustis/Langley Field; all Aviation RDEC employees covered by the Laboratory Demonstration Project stationed at Moffett Field, Calif.; and all employees stationed at Moffett Field not covered by the Laboratory Demonstration Project.



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Posthumous award...

1st Lt. Reaford C. McCraw is awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross, posthumously, some 54 years after McCraw's B-24 was shot down over Yugoslavia during World War II. Huntsville's John F. Barnacle, a member of McCraw's flight crew, was instrumental in generating the award.

Maj. Gen. Emmitt Gibson, commander of AMCOM and Redstone Arsenal, far left, presented the award. Members of McCraw's family include from left, Harold (brother), Beryl Orell (sister), James Orell (brother-in-law), Arlene McCraw (sister-in-law), and Sharron Orell (niece).



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"clay pigeons," completely vulnerable to enemy fire. All were scared. Wilson, knowing that he was much more experienced than the rest, volunteered to be the point man (first man out). However, he insisted on carrying the BAR (Browning automatic rifle) that was normally carried behind. Soon, they were ambushed, but the enemy, expecting the BAR to be in the rear and wanting to take it out first, concentrated their fire in that direction. This gave Wilson time to take out several of them before they realized what had happened. Wilson was then hit in the leg. Everything around him seemed to be in slow motion. He fell to the ground and saw blood gush up from beneath him. Another round ricocheted off his helmet. Most of his platoon was either killed or had run. Wilson was losing blood quickly and growing very weak. He remembers the Chinese grabbing his legs and dragging him a great distance. He faintly remembers looking up and seeing an Oriental face in the backdrop of a flashlight and someone working on his wounded leg. He thought about his two little sisters back home.

Drifting in and out of consciousness, Wilson recalls looking up and seeing canvas, thinking it was a MASH. However, when he heard the voices, he knew better. He tried to rise up, and a guard hit him on the head. The guard then walked around to where Wilson could see him and drew his bayonet. Still fading in and out, Wilson finally determined that he was on a stretcher lying on the ground.

After being loaded onto a truck, he was taken to a village where doctors performed surgery on his leg. He learned that the surgeon had been trained at Johns Hopkins University. He remembers several people coming in and out of the area during his surgery arguing over why he was there—he was just a sergeant. Though he couldn't understand the language, he knew from their actions and gestures what they were arguing about. Soon he was told in English that he would stand trial. Bandaged and on crutches, Wilson was loaded onto a bus and taken to another building. Here he found other Americans, mostly officers, who were also awaiting trial.

Soon, he and the other Americans went through what Wilson describes as a proceeding similar to a preliminary hearing. All of those on trial were seated together in a boxed area. Court officers, in civilian clothing, entered the room. A prosecutor began walking around the room, talking as he went. There was a female interpreter present to inform the Americans of what was happening. The prosecutor spoke about Wilson very briefly, probably because of his low rank, indicating that he was being charged with eight counts of murder. One of the Americans had been beaten and was behaving erratically. Court personnel took a lot of pictures. A defender had been assigned to the prisoners and informed them that he would do the best he could.

After a while, the prisoners were sent to another room

and given C-rations. (Yes, the enemy was feeding them C-rations!) On return to the hearing room, the defense attorney smiled and told them to forget the whole thing—that nothing would happen. The enlisted prisoners were then separated from the officers. The defense attorney had a small note in his hand that Wilson and some of the others read over his shoulder. It read: "Make no mistake about it; if one GI is put on any trial for any reason, I am going to authorize General MacArthur to use atomic weapons." It bore President Truman's name. The Koreans probably learned of the president's threat from radio or TV and believed him completely. There was no trial!

The prisoners were then taken to a hotel-like facility. Their defender, a professional attorney, kept laughing about the incident. They were kept there overnight until transportation could be arranged to take them to Camp Four, where other American prisoners were held.

Rough treatment

On arriving at the camp, the prisoners were treated very roughly, being hit and beaten. Here, Wilson says that he got a real taste of what racial prejudice is all about. The North Korean and Chinese prison guards did not like anyone with round eyes. Wilson was still very weak and kept slipping in and out of consciousness. They were again given C-rations to eat. At times, Wilson's friends had to feed him. He was too weak to lift a fork or spoon to his mouth. The prisoners received the very minimum of humanitarian treatment. The slightest bit of resistance caused instant beatings or death from even the lowest-ranking guards. In his deteriorated condition, Wilson did not feel like resisting. He remembers waking once and discovering that he had been beaten—he didn't even remember it happening. He felt blood on his face and thought one of his eyes was missing.

Wilson never dreamed of such acts of inhumanity. The prisoners had to bow to everyone. The officers were separated from the enlisted prisoners by a fence, and the enlisted side was low and stayed damp. However, the officers were treated four or five times worse than the enlisted men. Wilson saw officers' bones broken and remembers the painful screams coming from their side of the fence. All of the prisoners were asked to sign documents, but they all refused. The ranking American officer told them through the fence that they should only give their name, rank, serial number, and state of residence, and nothing more.

The North Korean and Chinese prison guards knew that they could not starve the prisoners without violating the provisions of the Geneva Convention, but they fed them food that dogs would not eat. It often had worms in it, smelled foul, and could not be eaten. Occasionally, civilians would pass the camp and give the prisoners turnips, a real treat.

On one occasion, the gates to the compound were opened and women with children were brought in to talk to the officers. The women would give the babies to the offi-

cers to hold, and the officers would be asked to sign papers. When they refused, the babies were shot. After the first or second baby was killed, the prisoners charged the fence in protest. Soon, the North Koreans saw that the scheme was not going to work and dropped it.

The prisoners were taken to "orientation" (brainwashing) classes in areas similar to dog pens. Here, they were told that the deity worshipped by the Chinese was the real "Jesus Christ," and similar things, in an effort to convert them to Communism. The prisoners would always give fatuous answers to the questions they were asked. Once, a prisoner wrote "Mickey Mouse" as the answer to a question. Of course, the private who took it did not know what it was, but his superior officer did. The prisoner who wrote was beaten later when they found that he had done it.

As punishment for giving such answers to the guards' questions, Wilson and the other prisoners were put into one-person holes, concrete pens with no windows and a door at the top with a pin-sized hole for light. Wilson remembers seeing Russian advisers through the door, identified by the stars on their caps. The pens had never been cleaned and reeked of excrement and decay. A hole in the bottom was the only bathroom facility. All his clothes were removed except for his underwear, and the bandages on his wounds were filthy. In one corner of the pen, he saw parts of a human body, badly decayed and rat-infested. In a small rat hole in one corner he found a small tree branch, a switch, his only weapon against the vicious rats that were consuming the dead body. The rats would bite him, and he would knock them away. His leg became badly infected, and he thought that it would have to be amputated.

Lost composure

In time, under these conditions, Wilson lost his composure. He was broken, had rat bites all over his body, had no hope, was in complete despair. He threw excrement at the prison guards, who, from the look in his eyes, became leery of him and thought that he was demonic. Wilson and three others were removed from their holes and tied to a pole. They were hit. Their eyes were poked. They were told that they would be executed. Wilson didn't care. He had lost all hope. The other three prisoners begged and pleaded for their lives, but Wilson did not. Because of their pleading,

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the guards had no respect for the others, but respected Wilson because of his defiance and strength. At that point in time, he absolutely didn't care what happened to him. Suddenly, a shot rang out. All of them jumped. They later learned that the shot had not come from the rifles aimed at them for they were not loaded. The prisoners were then cut down from the pole and taken away. All the way, Wilson spat at them, bit at them, defied them, as if rabid.

At some point, Wilson said that he probably ate a confession, but could not say for sure. He remembers being propped up and told by a pretty female voice, "Do not spit this out!" A captured American nurse, pretty, blonde, fed him fruit cocktail and C-rations. However, he had dysentery, and it made him sick.

Wilson continued his defiance and would growl at the guards when he was hit or kicked. He was completely broken and had no hope for anything better. Suddenly, he began to feel an inner strength, a warmth, his mind cleared, and he was no longer afraid (he now thinks it was probably divine intervention). He told himself, "You have beat them!"

Prisoner exchanges

As time passed, the Americans and Chinese began prisoner exchanges, and Wilson and others were loaded onto a bus for the trip to a predetermined exchange site in Pan Mun Jom. When the bus stopped one of its passengers was dead—a known collaborator. Investigators learned of the incident before the bus arrived and were brought in from all available units, the Criminal Investigative Division, Naval Intelligence, Provost Marshal, and others. "We were all grilled by the investigators, but no one saw anything. We were threatened and denied medical attention until someone confessed to the killing."

News reporters were everywhere; and Wilson, tired of the harassment and prodding, hit one of them with a crutch. Wilson's father, still in the Navy, heard of the incident and wrote letters to Sen. John Sparkman (Alabama) and the Red Cross requesting their assistance in resolving it. Sparkman made a phone call inquiring about the incident and wanted to know why Wilson and the other POWs were being detained. He subsequently sent a letter to the American authorities telling them to either charge or release all Alabama soldiers. They released them.

Wilson was sent to a hospital in Tokyo. One day, he looked up and saw a hospital worker rolling a portable telephone to his bedside. It was his father calling. Wilson was elated. He could hear the voices of his mother and sisters in the background and their cheers of joy. At last, the ordeal was over.

Normal life

When Wilson was captured, he was a strong, muscular Marine weighing 230 pounds. When he returned to the United States, he was debilitated, suffered from multiple injuries, and weighed 124 pounds. He had to undergo extensive psychiatric evaluation and treatment. The Marine Corps would not release him until they were satisfied that he would not be a danger to society and could resume a somewhat normal life. He remembers a psychiatrist, a Naval lieutenant commander, asking him why he did some of the things he did. Wilson stopped him cold. Rank no longer meant anything to him. He was later invited to Washington, D.C., to an awards ceremony where the medals he had earned would be pinned on him. He did not go and never received his medals. He just wanted to put the war behind him.

Eventually, Wilson was released by the psychiatrists

and sent to a hospital for surgery and rehabilitation to enable him to walk again. Subsequently, he was discharged and joined his family in Hawaii, where his father, still in the Navy, was stationed. At last, he had rejoined his family and, for him, the war was over.

"First, let me say that I am sorry for all the mistakes I've made in this story. After over 40 years, the dates and months fade.

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"None of us were ever proud of the things we had done. We were cold-blooded murderers, which is what we were trained to be. Incidents and times in history are embedded in your mind. The older you get, the more you realize that you have to face the Master one day and worry about your eternal soul. While I'm not a religious fanatic, one still wonders and thinks about those things. You have a feeling of guilt."

Wilson was discharged from the Marines on July 19, 1955, having been held a year after the completion of his four-year enlistment for medical reasons. He enrolled at the Alabama State Trade School (the forerunner of Calhoun College), studying business administration under the G.I. Bill. He obtained an associate degree in business

administration in 1958. Shortly thereafter, he went to work for the Chemstrand Corporation in Pensacola, Fla., where his brother worked. Still a country boy who wanted to be near home, he applied for a security guard position at Redstone Arsenal. Subsequently, he was hired in December 1958, and stayed with the guard force until 1961, when he moved to the MEDDAC Medical Supply group in a reduction in force. There he worked as a supply clerk and security officer for approximately eight years before returning to the guard force. He remained with the guard force until he retired in June 1989 as a lieutenant. After retiring, he went to work for various DoD contractors on Redstone, and is still employed by Coastal International Securities as a security escort for the Missile and Space Intelligence Center.

Wilson and his wife, Martha Joan Reed Wilson,

have three sons (William Mark, Michael Timothy, and Anthony Todd) and two grandchildren, Bryan Todd and Kami Renee. His hobbies include auto racing and fishing.

Silent hero

There are many quiet, friendly heroes in this country like Wilson, some known, others not. While untold for many years, this man's story should remind us all of the thanks we owe to our veterans for the sacrifices they have made to keep us free. Most never had to endure the cruel, inhumane conditions that Wilson did, but he and all others were trained and prepared to make the ultimate sacrifice if necessary.

While Wilson has tried to put all of this out of his mind over the years, the enemy ensured that he would carry it with him for the rest of his life by inflicting a tattoo-like mark on his lower arm. How many times each day is he reminded of it?

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Sports survey

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UAH hockey

The Civilian Welfare Fund Council has UAH hockey game tickets for 7:30 p.m. Dec. 11 and 1:30 p.m. Dec. 12 at the Von Braun Center. Cost is \$4 per ticket. Call Carol Lang 313-4028.

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.

Blood program

Here's the Red Cross blood schedule for this month: Nov. 20, from 7-noon, at Corps of Engineers, Linda Merschman 895-1580 or Bill Chaffin 895-1581; SMDC, bus, from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m., Al Longhi 955-5901; and NASA building 4752 from 8 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., Edwina Bressette 544-8115. Nov. 25, from 7-noon, building 7613, conference room 106, Cathy Brown 313-6885; from 8-noon, building 6260, Kathy Brooks 876-0351; from 7-noon, building 5681, Susan Zimmerly 313-4165; and from 4 a.m. to 8 a.m. at building 3411, 832nd Ordnance Battalion, B Company, 1st Sgt. Berger 842-0608 or Capt. Curtis 842-0601.

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Miscellaneous

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Thanksgiving lunch

The Directorate of Public Works will have its 45th annual Thanksgiving Luncheon at noon Nov. 24 at building 5663, the old post gym. Tickets are \$5. For more information or tickets, call 876-2808/1893/1692.

AER scholarships

The Maj. Gen. James Ursano Scholarship Fund, administered by Army Emergency Relief, is a secondary mission to help Army

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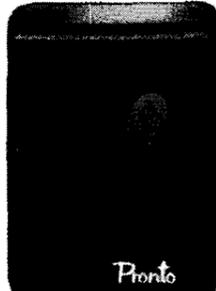
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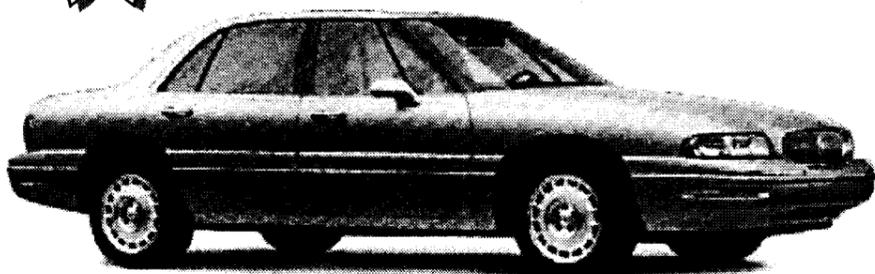
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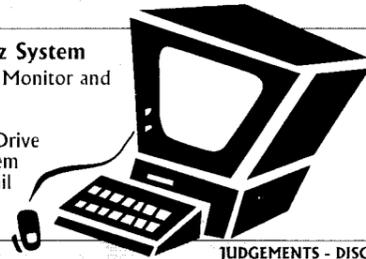
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Blacks in government

The Huntsville-Madison County Chapter of Blacks in Government will hold its fifth annual Training Conference, "Maximizing Performance Through Excellence in Training" on Dec. 3 at the Marriott Hotel. Registration fee is \$125. For more information, call 551-7230.

Communication group

International Training in Communication, formerly Toastmistress, will meet from 4:30-6 p.m. Thursday at building 5681 (PEO Aviation), conference room 125. For more information, call Janice Isbell 313-4216 or Carol Howard 876-9490.

Artillery members

Attention all members of the Redstone Arsenal Field Artillery community (to include contractors): The Northern Alabama Field Artillery Association is now accepting nominations for the Ancient Order of Saint Barbara, Honorable Order of Saint Barbara, and Artillery Order of Molly Pitcher. All nominations must be submitted to Capt. Jeff Shapiro (shapiro-jm@msl.redstone.army.mil) via email by Dec. 7. The tentative date for award

is Jan. 23 at the St. Barbara's Day Ball. Nominations do not have a specific format, but must contain sufficient details about the candidate to enable the Award Authority to make an informed decision. For ease of reading, please use the informal or formal memorandum. The invitations for this event will be mailed out at a later date. If you are new to the area, and are a member of the Military Society of Saint Barbara, or an Artilleryman in the rank of sergeant first class or higher, call Shapiro 876-6143 to ensure that you are extended an invitation.

Retired officers

The Retired Officers Association will hold a luncheon meeting at 11 today at the Redstone Arsenal Club. Scheduled speaker is Robert Ludwig, chairman elect, Chamber of Commerce. For more information, call retired Capt. Albert Castelli 859-1340.

Federal retirees

The National Association of Retired Federal Employees will meet Saturday at the Senior Center on Drake Avenue. The chapter's insurance counselor, Pete Maiker, will give the chapter an update on the changes in the Federal Employee Health Benefits Program (FEHBP) as well as Medicare changes. "We urge you to attend and be informed of the latest changes, as the FEHBP Open Season will run from Nov. 9 through Dec. 14," a prepared release said. Refreshments at 9:30 a.m., program at 10. For more information, call 837-0382 or 881-3168.

Education committee

The Army Community Service (ACS) Education Committee will meet at noon today in the ACS conference room, building 3491. Any parent interested in the educational needs of their child is invited to attend. 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.

Holiday party

Tickets are now on sale for the Team Redstone Holiday Party. "Our Party" will be held Dec. 11 at the Redstone Arsenal Club. Reserve a table, or tables, for you and your friends, have a great dinner, and dance to the music of a band. Tickets are \$21 per person. For tickets and reservations call Olene McGowen 842-9038, Mae Hargrove 842-9588 or Gaila Kelso 876-9857.

MBA classes

Nova Southeastern University will hold an information meeting on its Master of Business Administration program at 6 p.m. Thursday at the Bevill Conference Center, classroom 289 at 550 Sparkman Drive. Under this program attend classes on alternate weekends, complete degree requirements in 18 months, and learn from doctorally-qualified faculty. Classes are held in Huntsville beginning in January. To RSVP or for more information, call (800) 672-7223 (ext. 5039).

Sergeants major

The Redstone Arsenal Sergeants Major Association will have its monthly meeting from 6-7:30 a.m. Thursday at the Radisson Hotel on South Parkway. Elections will be conducted at this meeting. For more information, call Sgt. Maj. Frank Hyatt 876-4160.

Dance concert

The Grissom High School Dance Department will have its third annual "Joy Explosion Dance Concert" at 7:30 p.m. Friday at the Grissom auditorium. Tickets are \$5 for adults, \$3 for students, and will be available at the door. For reservations or more information, call Stephanie Kelsey 650-4397.

Newcomers tour

The Army Community Service (ACS) Newcomers' Orientation will be held Dec 1, from 8:30 a.m. to noon, at building 3447. The orientation features speakers, information booths, and a bus tour of Redstone Arsenal. Free child care is provided at the Child Development Center, building 3145. Child's shot records and registration is required to use the services. Attendance is mandatory for military personnel permanently assigned to Redstone. Spouses are encouraged to attend. For more information call Mary Breeden, relocation assistance program manager, 876-5397.

Tickets found

Virginia Lotto tickets were found Oct. 17 at the PX gas station. The owner should call 837-2725.

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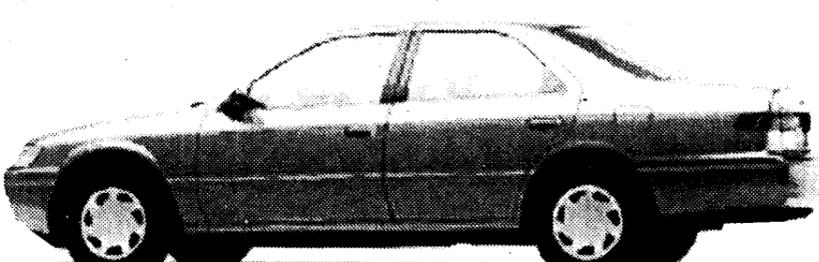
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Circus performance

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Logistics society

Tennessee Valley Chapter of SOLE- The International Society of Logistics is sponsoring a lunch at 11:30 a.m. Nov. 24 at the Redstone Arsenal Club. Scheduled speaker is Maj. Gen. Emmitt Gibson, commander of AMCOM and Redstone Arsenal. Cost is \$9.50. For reservations call Louise W. Cooper 313-2489 or E. Louise Cooper 955-9624 by noon Friday.

Town Hall meet

"Accomplishing change, while accomplishing mission" will be the theme of the AMCOM Quarterly Town Hall Meeting—featuring Maj. Gen. Emmitt Gibson, AMCOM commander — at 9 a.m. Dec. 8 in the Sparkman Auditorium.

The meeting will be broadcast on Team Redstone television channel 42. Agenda items will be published soon. Ten seats for the hearing impaired will reserved in Section 7 of the Auditorium.

Astronomy show

The Von Braun Astronomical Society invites you to "Recent Discoveries of Dark Matter" at 7:30 p.m. Saturday at the Planetarium in Monte Sano State Park. Dr. Carol Strong will discuss findings of matter in the universe. For more information, call 539-0316 or Mitzi Adams 464-0945.

PX holiday hours

All Post Exchange facilities will be closed Thanksgiving Day, Nov. 26 with the following exception: One Stop on Goss Road will be open from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. The following day, Nov. 27, the Main Exchange will be open from 6 a.m. to midnight. "Watch for flyers on our great holiday sale," a PX release said.

Genealogical society

The Tennessee Valley Genealogical Society will have their bimonthly meet-

ing Thursday at 7 p.m. at the Tom Beville Center/ Restaurant (no food). Visitors and members are invited to hear Charles Cataldo speak on "Alabama Manuscripts."

Bake sale

Ascension Lutheran Church, 3801 Oakwood Ave., will have a Taste Delight Sale offering baked goodies, soups, chili and stew from noon to 6 p.m. Friday, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, and 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Sunday. For more information, call 536-9987/5245/8104.

NCO graduation

The NCO Academy will conduct a graduation ceremony Nov. 25 at 2 p.m. in building 3329 for the Basic Noncommissioned Course. The public is invited. For more information, call 955-7954.

Catholic community

Our Lady of the Valley Catholic Community, at Bicentennial Chapel, will host several weekend events. Everyone is welcome to the Ecumenical Prayer Breakfast Friday at 6:30 a.m. Practice for children's tree lighting choir for grades 1-5 will be Saturday

from 3-4 p.m. Guest speaker Kathy Wells, Hope Place executive director, will be talking on "Domestic Violence and its Effect on Children" Saturday at 5 p.m. and Sunday at 9:30 a.m.

Choir director job

Bicentennial Chapel is recruiting for a chapel choir director. This is a contract position requiring a bachelor's degree in music and two years experience directing a Protestant or Ecumenical church choir. Duties include choir director services for Protestant worship services and Ecumenical services, which includes working with members of diverse Protestant or Ecumenical backgrounds, choosing music, leading congregational singing and responses at worship services, coordina-

tion of musical selections with chaplains and a working knowledge of the Protestant liturgical church year calendar is required. Interested parties should send resumes to: Human Resources, P.O. Box 1219, Madison, Ala., 35758.

Florida Tech

Florida Institute of Technology has begun registration for the spring semester. All interested students should visit FIT's administrative office room 4326 in building 5304. Classes are open to all area residents. Starting in January Florida Tech will offer two new master of science programs: the master of science in computer information systems and the master of science in human resource management. For more information, call 881-7878.

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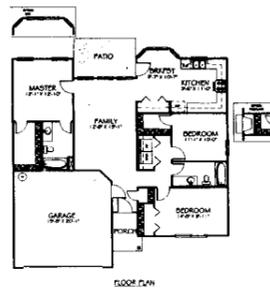
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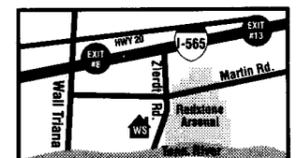
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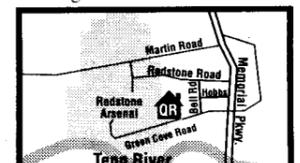
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Schools: J. E. Williams Elementary & Middle School



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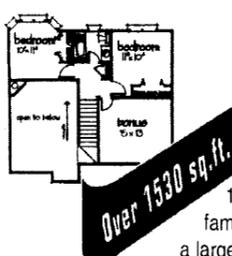
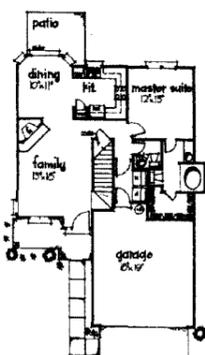
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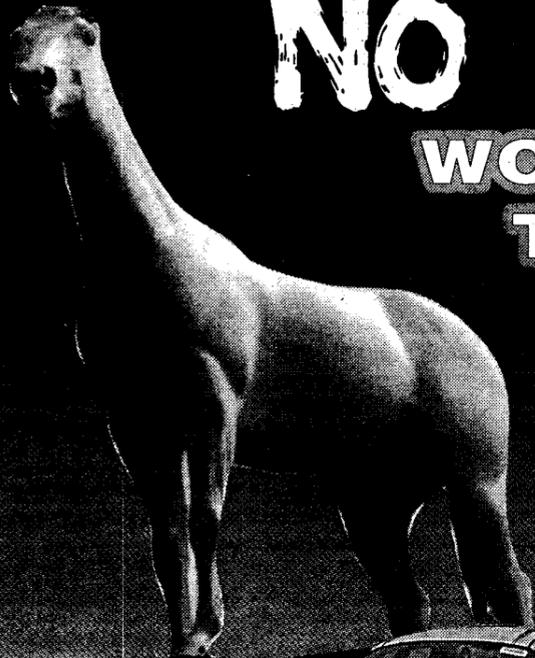


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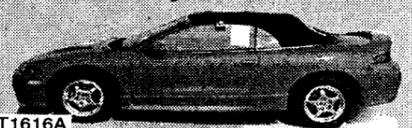
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