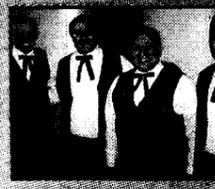


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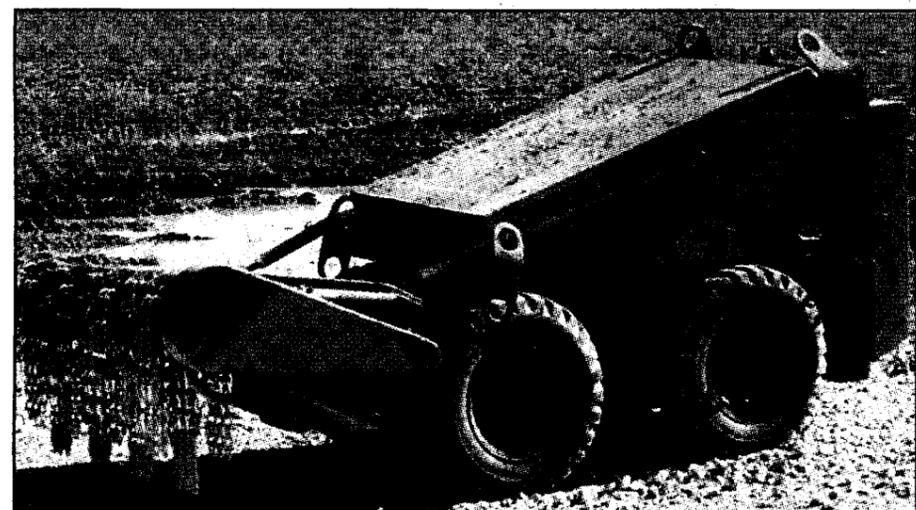
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Robotic vehicles go from drawing board to Bosnia

Prototype systems clearing mines for Army engineer units



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MINI-FLAIL— This unmanned ground vehicle system is among the prototypes that arrived in Bosnia in 1996.

By Skip Vaughn

They're robots but don't resemble the classic science-fiction kind. They look more like golf carts or motorized scooters.

But these aren't for recreation. And they aren't for passengers either.

They're unmanned ground vehicles and they perform dangerous missions such as mine-clear-

ing. UGVs are still in development, but some prototypes are being used in Bosnia. Since 1996 Army engineer units in Bosnia have detected more than 200 mines by using prototype unmanned ground vehicle systems. That's more than 200 mines that would have otherwise been cleared by hand.

"The units are very happy with them and they'd like to have more and they'd like to have them improved," Marine Col. Ken Curcio, project manager in the Unmanned Ground



File photo

SARGE— The tactical unmanned vehicle SARGE, in foreground, is shown with its transport Humvee. SARGE isn't among the prototype systems in Bosnia.

Vehicles/Systems Joint Project Office, said. This is a joint Army-Marine Corps project office.

The two prototype systems in Bosnia include the Panther, used for clearing anti-tank mines; and the Mini-Flail, for clearing anti-personnel mines. "We have four each of those systems that remain in Bosnia

and as the units rotate in, they're trained on them and use them," Curcio said. "We maintain them. We send teams over to maintain them on a periodic basis to make sure they're up and running."

Soldiers have requested improvements on the Panther. This system is put on an M-60 tank chassis, a

previous generation tank because the Army now uses the M-1. The soldiers have asked for an updated Panther which can be used on the M-1 tank chassis since repair parts are more available than with the older M-60.

The project office is **See BOSNIA on page 22**



Photo by Sandy Riebeling

Outdoor fun...

The warm fall days attracted children to the playground at the Col. Carroll D. Hudson Recreation Area over a weekend. Alexis, left, and Blair are the children of Chris Gaines, computer specialist at Army Education Television. David Jr., rear, is the son of SSgt. David McNair of the Army National Guard.

Command finally gets reshape OK from headquarters

If you want to retire early, get your paperwork in quick.

The Aviation and Missile Command finally received approval Thursday from higher headquarters for Voluntary Early Retirement Authority. Applications will be accepted through Dec. 1 for separations to be effective upon individual approval through Jan. 2, 1999.

The following AMCOM competitive areas, with numbers of early-retirements for each, are included:

- Aviation RD&E Center Personnel Demo, seven;
- Missile RD&E Center Personnel Demo, 46;
- Redstone Arsenal non-demo, 170;
- Aviation RD&E Center Personnel Demo, Moffett Field, Calif., three;

- Moffett Field non-demo, three;
- Granite City, Ill., five;
- Aviation RD&E Center Personnel Demo, Fort Eustis/Langley, Va., 15;
- Fort Eustis/Langley non-demo, three.

"All applications received by the cutoff date will be afforded equal consideration and will be approved in seniority order based on leave service computation date up to the number authorized for the competitive area," a prepared release from the Civilian Personnel Advisory Center said. "Approval is contingent on meeting the eligibility requirements prior to separation, properly documented savings, and the appropriation of funds for VSIP (Voluntary Separation Incentive Pay) payments."

Approval of the command's

request for early-retirement authority came from the Office of the Secretary of Defense and headquarters Army Materiel Command. This process took longer than anticipated. "We absolutely did not anticipate the many changes we have been required to make" by higher headquarters, LeRoy Daniels, the civilian personnel officer, said two weeks ago.

Due to this late approval, the application window has been shortened from an anticipated 10 workdays to six.

Application information is available on the web at <http://redstone.army.mil/cpo/>; and see various menu entries under Reshape. Questions may be directed to Linda Brown 876-1620 or Bonnie Taylor 313-4833.

Letters To The Editor

Veterans celebration

I am writing this in response to the wonderful Veterans Day thoughts written by Melody Rimmer. As a former Infantry officer, I have sometimes wondered how we have been able to survive as a nation for so long. Especially with all our divisiveness. As a young Junior ROTC cadet in the 1970s, I remember, as so many others do, how it was less than fashionable to wear your country's uniform.

It is so refreshing to see that there are young Americans today who realize and appreciate the sacrifices of those who came before them. Ms. Rimmer also brings up a very important point that I think was lost in all the news coverage I saw (which wasn't much). In saying this, I in no way slight our honored dead. But, Veterans Day should be more of a celebration of the living! For those of us who willingly served our country, maintained the peace, fought when we couldn't, and because the "ultimate sacrifice" was not required of us, we came home. Heaven help us if this country ever runs out of fine young people willing to follow in our footsteps!

Melody, for all of us both living and dead, I thank you!

Bruce O'Gorman
IMMC

Commander's letter: Holiday safety '98

During 1998, Team Redstone continued to enjoy success by making safety a priority and incorporating risk management into our day-to-day activities. Because of your commitment and concern for safety, we are now positioned for the challenges of the future.

As we prepare for the holiday season, I encourage you to exercise the same safety practices used in the workplace at home. We owe it to our families, friends and ourselves to ensure a safe holiday season.

Automobile accidents are a significant risk to our personnel during the holiday season. Gen. Dennis Reimer, chief of staff, Army, has made privately-owned-vehicle accident prevention one of his top priorities. Driving while fatigued, adverse road conditions, and drunk drivers all pose a threat. If travel is part of your holiday schedule, take time to prepare for the road ahead. Check road conditions and plan your route prior to departing. Highways and airports will be considerably more crowded this time of year. Be sure to allow enough time to arrive at your destination safely.

Above all, remember that wearing safety belts is our best means of minimizing the effects if we are involved in an accident.

Our people are the most important element of Team Redstone. A safe holiday season will better prepare us for the challenges of 1999. Let us all strive to have an accident-free holiday that will ensure a safe return to our workplace. I wish you and your families a safe and enjoyable holiday season.

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

Soldiers caring for soldiers...

Retired officers give to holiday voucher program

By Sandy Riebeling

The Retired Officers Association, Huntsville Chapter, has donated \$1,000 to the Holiday Voucher Program. The program offers soldiers in need a voucher to use at the Commissary to buy food for their families over the Christmas holiday.

"It's really a replacement for the old Holiday Food Basket program when we used to collect food and make baskets for the soldiers," Col. Paul Vicalvi, post chaplain and senior Protestant chaplain, said. "The voucher program allows the family to buy whatever they like. It's a traditional soldier care program done worldwide."

Part of caring for a soldier's well-being is not just to identify a soldier in need but make sure he can receive help without it costing his dignity. It is the task of the first sergeant to identify

and submit the names of soldiers who would benefit from the program. The money collected is divided by the number of soldiers identified and a voucher is given to each.

"It is a wonderful program," Jim Allred, retired Army colonel and TROA president-elect, said. "So much so that the board chose to donate \$1,000."

More than 100 enlisted families benefited from the program last year, which raised \$11,000 for food vouchers. Currently, the program has \$7,000. Contributions are given annually by the Bicentennial Protestant and Catholic congregations, the Ordnance Missile and Munitions Center and School congregation, the Post Thrift Shop, Officer and Civilian Women's Club and Sergeants Major Association.

Anyone wishing to donate to the program can send a check to the Bicen-



Photo by Sandy Riebeling

HELPING HAND—Allred presents a check to Vicalvi for the Holiday Voucher Program that helps soldiers in need during the holiday season.

ennial Chapel, made out to the Consolidated Chaplain's Fund, no later than Dec. 4.

Other holiday events and programs sponsored by the Bicentennial Chapel include a holiday tree lighting Dec. 4 at 4 p.m. The children's choir will perform, Santa and Mrs. Claus will make an appearance and refresh-

ments will be served.

On Dec. 5, congregation members will decorate the church, beginning at 9 a.m.

Holiday services include a German Mass on Dec. 10 at 8 p.m., and Christmas Eve services beginning with children's Mass at 5 p.m., Protestant candle lighting service at 7 p.m. and a Catholic Mass at 9 p.m.

Growing problem...

Worldwide observance aimed at stopping AIDS

By Susan Goodman

Dec. 1 is the 11th observance of World AIDS Day. This year's theme is "Be a Force for Change: World AIDS Campaign With Young People." The purpose of this theme is to recognize the millions of young adults worldwide who are affected—directly and indirectly — by HIV/AIDS.

Every day 7,000 young people worldwide acquire HIV, the virus that causes AIDS. Of the 30 million people alive today with HIV infection or AIDS, at least a third are aged 10-24. Over 50 percent of new infections with HIV are occurring in young people in the 10-24 age group.

The "Be A Force for Change" initiative aims not only to educate young people but to involve them in their HIV/AIDS education. Young people have the power to change the course of the epidemic. They are not only infected, but also affected by HIV/AIDS, and are a key resource in expanding an effective response.

The epidemic's transmission patterns are changing. According to Philip Rosenberg of the National Cancer Institute, the "young adults who got infected were much more likely to have gotten HIV heterosexually." One out of three HIV cases in 18 to 27 year olds are female, and overall one-third of all HIV in that age group is hetero-

sexually transmitted.

Current trends also demonstrate an increase in young people injecting drugs. Baltimore physicians report that illicit drug use among adolescents is a "serious and growing problem" in the United States, with drug-related arrests and deaths increasing at an alarming rate. For example, in Fairfax County, Va., drug-related arrests of adolescents have increased more than 10-fold in 10 years. Risks related to the transmission of HIV arise from shared needles used to inject drugs— HIV can be transmitted through blood — and from the individual's impaired judgment (individuals are more likely to take risks when their judgment is affected by mind-altering substances). If this current trend is any indication, one can expect to see more drug users with HIV in the coming years.

One hundred ninety-one countries around the world are observing this day to draw attention to the AIDS epidemic. In the United States, World AIDS Day will link communities in a unified observance when the White House dims its lights from 7:45-8 p.m.

Plans are under way to observe World AIDS Day in Huntsville. Questions concerning these events can be directed to the AIDS Action Coalition, 883-AIDS.

On Nov. 30 from 5:30-8 p.m., a

showing of "Mother's Prayer," targeting high school students, will be held at the Bailey Cove Library Conference Room. Area high school teachers are offering extra credit for those students who attend the program. Pizza and popcorn will be served.

On Dec. 1, area high schools will be doing activities during the day, such as displays of statistical posters and information tables at lunch. Area churches are requested to ring their steeple bell 18 times at 2 p.m. to signify the 18 years of the epidemic. Madison County Health Department will hold testing sites at University of Alabama-Huntsville in the morning and at Alabama A&M University in the afternoon. From 7-8 p.m., the Church of the Nativity in Huntsville will conduct an evening remembrance service.

At Redstone Arsenal, an informational display with pamphlets covering a wide range of HIV/AIDS topics will be located near the Pharmacy at Fox Army Health Center.

It is our actions that will reverse the epidemic. We have the power — and the responsibility — to make a difference. Act now and be a force for change.

(Editor's note: Goodman is a community health nurse at Public Health and Education Center, Fox Army Health Center.)

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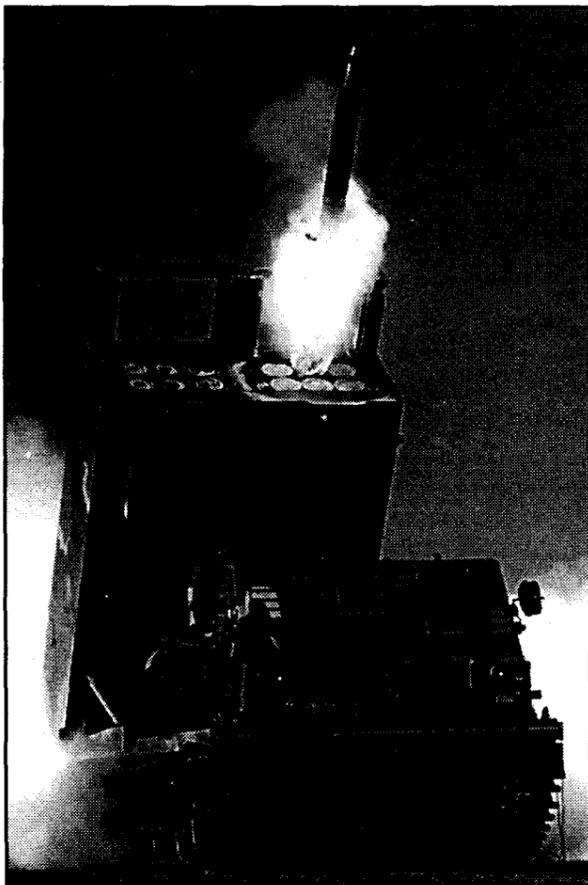
Multimillion dollar contract awarded for guided MLRS

The United States has entered into a cooperative development program with the United Kingdom, Germany, France and Italy to develop a new guided rocket for the Multiple Launch Rocket System.

The rocket, known as Guided MLRS, will have increased range, accuracy, and lethality. The Guided MLRS program represents another example of international cooperation to produce a common product while sharing and minimizing costs and risks.

The prime contract for the engineering and manufacturing development (EMD) phase of the program was awarded to Lockheed Martin Vought Systems by the U.S. on behalf of the Guided MLRS partner nations. The contract with the company is worth approximately \$121 million and is expected to last four years. Lockheed Martin Vought was selected based on its previous experience as design agency for MLRS.

The Defense Department continues to attach great importance to competition, to include international competition, as a route to achieving best value for money. The contract will therefore feature maximum competition at subcontract level.



File photo

HEADING SKYWARD— A MLRS firing is conducted last July 16 at White Sands Missile Range, N.M.

The improved range, accuracy, lethality, and logistic effectiveness of Guided MLRS are consistent with emerging themes in the Defense Department.

The Guided MLRS EMD contract is one of the first Army projects to use the "alpha acquisition contracting" method which uses the Integrated Product

Team approach to arriving at an acceptable contract. This approach includes the reduction of procurement time scales by eliminating unnecessary stages, permitting technology insertion, adopting a partnering

approach with industry, and establishing collaborative integrated product teams.

Final decisions on Guided MLRS production in the

U.S. and Europe are still being formulated. However, there are likely to be substantial opportunities for U.S. and European

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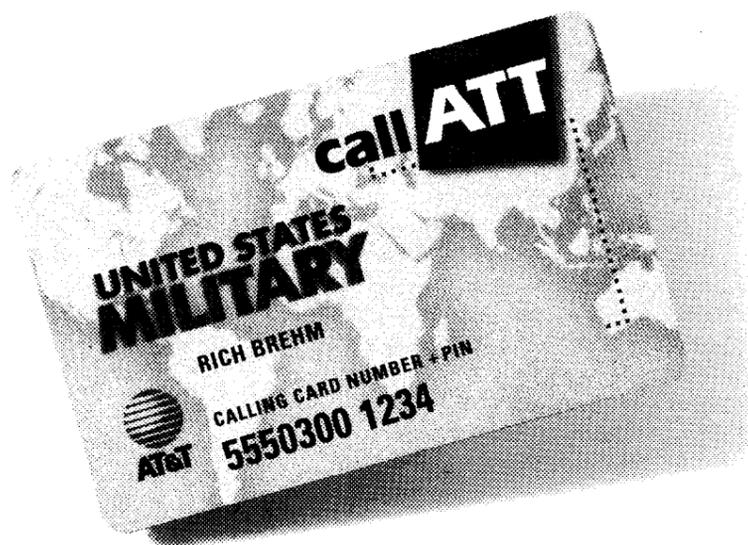
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Responding to hurricane victims...

Honduras relief effort gets help from AMCOM representative

By John Allen

When disaster starts, LARs depart for the scene.

That's exactly what happened following the disastrous Hurricane Mitch, which killed nearly 10,000 people in Central America earlier this month, leaving millions displaced.

LAR means Logistics Assistance Representative. There are approximately 200 of them worldwide reporting to AMCOM's Readiness Directorate, and assigned as part of the overall Logistics Assistance Program.

"We are the focal point for the LARs as a one-stop shop for resolution of technical maintenance problems," Bill Chaney, logistics management specialist, said.

According to Marty Martin, chief of the Logistics Assistance Division, there is one LAR in Honduras at this time. "Rich Deering is there to help support a group of heli-

copters— 10 CH-47 cargo Chinooks, and six UH-60 utility Black Hawks; they are from Fort Bragg, N.C., and Hunter Army Airfield in Savannah, Ga.," Martin said.

The helicopters are working out of a U.S. air base at Soto Cano, Honduras and the airport at Guatemala City, Guatemala. The unit was deployed Nov. 7 for 60 days, however, that time could be extended to six months if needed. Martin said that the possibility exists that additional helicopter support, and one more LAR, might be deployed later.

"Being a LAR is the closest you can come to being in the military while still a civilian," Martin said. "These civilians sign an agreement that they will deploy with the military to hot spots anywhere in the world where they are needed."

Chaney said the mission of the LARS is two-fold: "They provide advice and assistance to soldiers

beyond their skill level, and they provide logistics intelligence back to AMCOM. The Command Operations Center, under team chief Norbert Lutz, is manned 24-hours per day, seven days per week, for the purpose of sustainment and analysis." Maj. Gen. Emmitt Gibson, commander of AMCOM and Redstone Arsenal, receives daily briefings.

Disaster officials in Honduras and Nicaragua, the two Central American countries hit hardest by the storm, now say that Hurricane Mitch may be the most deadly storm to hit the area in more than 200 years. The latest figures put the number of injured at 15,619; total missing are 13,232; total homeless are 273,846; total displaced



Photo by John Allen

MAPPING STRATEGY— Martin, left, points to Honduras on map where LARs support has been sent. Chaney looks on.

persons are nearly 3 million; total damaged homes are 93,188, and the total bridges damaged are 392.

By the end of last week, news reports said that relief workers still had not reached 30,000 Hondurans, many of whom had not had fresh food and clean water for more than two weeks. U.S. Navy Seabees labored to put up 19 temporary Bailey bridges, but 97 bridges

were washed away in Honduras alone. In Nicaragua, helicopters loaded with supplies found it impossible to land on the soggy ground. In both countries, medics worked feverishly to contain outbreaks of hepatitis, conjunctivitis, and cholera.

In Rich Deering's report Friday, he said "Everything's fine," according to Redstone's B.J. Cuddeback, of the Logistics Assistance

Division. "Conditions are improving; we've moved into a tent with a hard floor and are getting lights tonight," Deering reported. He also said he feels lucky to get hot meals and showers, since MREs (Meals Ready to Eat) are the only rations in some areas. He said he's working 12-hour shifts and supports aircraft in Guatemala City where conditions are much worse.

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Fox Army Health Center will be updating its insurance database during January 1999.

This will be accomplished with a renewed effort to acquire health information when a patient signs in for an appointment. It will entail the center's clerks asking if you or your family members are employed or retired. If you or your family members are covered by a health insurance policy, they will need your medical insurance information. You will be asked to provide your insurance card and to complete an insurance information form (DD Form 2569), and to sign and date the form on the back. You will also be asked if you are being treated as a result of an injury. If so, you will be asked specifics related to your accident or injury.

Dwindling medical resources and personnel prompted the Congress, the Department of Defense, and Army Medical communities to initiate new programs to provide funds to meet the needs of active duty soldiers and other DoD health care beneficiaries. These new programs include the establishment and strengthening of medical cost reimbursement programs such as the Third Party Collection Program.

As of Jan. 6, 1992, all military treatment facilities were required by United States Public Law 101-510 (10 U.S. Code 1095) to file claims against private health insurance carriers for active duty family members and retirees treated for inpatient services. This law was later amended to include outpatient and ancillary services. This amendment mandated that each facility implement a Third Party Collection Program to include program awareness, identification and collection of insurance information, filing claims with third party payers, col-

lecting and depositing funds, and reporting TPCP status. The Department of Defense Instruction (DoDI 6010.15 -M) further instructs facilities that insurance information must be updated when there is a change in coverage or every 12 months.

Now for the, question that has been on your mind. What's the connection? Well to put it simply, every dollar collected from your health insurance com-

pany goes directly back into Fox Army Health Center. This ultimately enables Fox Army Health Center to provide you with enhanced services to help you or someone you know receive the best available care.

For more information about the Third Party Collection Program at Fox Army Health Center call Deborah Hall, Connie Golden or Wade Hamlett at 955-6337 or 842-9932



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While you wouldn't necessarily know it by reading press accounts of the THAAD flight test program, there have been numerous success stories in the development of the THAAD system. The THAAD ground segments have all performed flawlessly on each mission. In particular, the THAAD Launcher has been a rousing success and is managed, developed, and built locally by the THAAD Launcher Product Office and the Lockheed Martin Systems (LMMS) Huntsville operation.

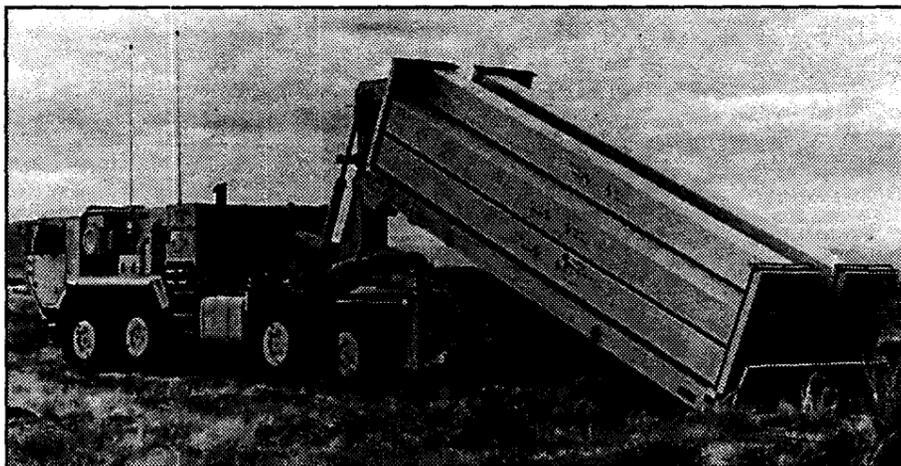
THAAD's system requirements originated with lessons learned from Operation Desert Storm and Patriot's involvement in that conflict. In addition to a higher kill probability and ability to conduct exoatmospheric intercepts, THAAD is required to have improved strategic and tactical mobility, more missiles per launcher and quicker reload times. The THAAD launcher carries a basic load of up to 10 missile rounds and can accomplish fire-to-fire reload of 10 missiles in less than the required 30 minutes. The combat-ready launcher can be driven onto C-17 and C-5 aircraft, and it can be prepared for transport on C-141 aircraft in less than the required 30 minutes by off-loading the missile round pack onto a standard pallet.

The Theater High Altitude Area Defense launcher is an acquisition streamlining success story. The Launcher Product Office established a "partnering" management philosophy between contractor and government long before the term was coined. One major reason this approach has been so successful is the close proximity of the contractor facility to the government Project Office. Also, the contractor was keenly aware of customer and soldier needs throughout the design process, aided by

several trips to Fort Bliss, Texas, to get soldier input in the early stages of design.

One very key decision made in the first year of the program was to change from a tractor-trailer design to a Palletized Loading System truck-based launcher. The user requested a standard Army vehicle with a Tank and Automotive Command managed support system, instead of a unique vehicle requiring a special support structure. The PLS integral load handling system met the standardized vehicle/support desire, and provided the solution for meeting the tough 30 minute reload requirement. Dollars were saved in development costs and later qualification costs associated with a new vehicle. Today this would be recognized as a CAIV (cost as an independent variable) initiative, because a performance objective requirement (C-130 airlift capability) was traded in the interest of other performance and life cycle cost considerations. The term CAIV, like partnering, had not yet been adopted in the Army's lexicon.

Another acquisition streamlining initiative, open system architecture, was incorporated into the launcher's electronic design. Maximum use was made of commercial-off-the-shelf products, particularly in computer architecture. One lesson learned along the way is that while off-the-shelf provides a lower cost and faster initial acquisition, there was also an associated liability. Commercial production/design standards usually change in a much shorter cycle than the lifetime of a weapon system, making it necessary to plan for obsolescence of certain components. The launcher's open system architecture will allow for changes in component specifications without altering system functionality; where this is not possible, options such as pre-



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COMBAT-READY— The THAAD launcher carries a basic load of up to 10 missile rounds and can accomplish fire-to-fire reload of 10 missiles in less than the required 30 minutes.

planned upgrades or life cycle quantity purchases are being considered.

Another acquisition streamlining example is the User Operational Evaluation System (UOES) concept, which puts developmental hardware in the hands of soldiers early in the design process. This allows THAAD to obtain feedback on ways to improve operation and performance of the launcher and other ground segments before locking in the final production design. The THAAD Launcher product manager currently manages use and evaluation of all UOES components (Radar, BM/C3I, and Launcher), as well as design and production of the launcher itself. As a result of

UOES training, soldiers have operated the launcher flawlessly on the last two flight tests. Recently, soldiers in full combat gear performed a fire-to-fire reload demonstration in accordance with established crew drill procedures in less than 25 minutes, well within the objective system reload requirement. To facilitate soldier feedback, the Launcher Product Office instituted an automated Comment Tracking System, providing a way for soldiers and other agencies to submit suggested design improvements from remote locations via the Internet.

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By Regina Free and Connie Davis

Col. Fred Kilgore, chief of staff for the Program Executive Office for Air and Missile Defense, was honored Nov. 17 at an award ceremony and luncheon marking his retirement.

During the ceremony Brig. Gen. Dan Montgomery, PEO AMD, presented Kilgore with the Legion of Merit for superior service to air and missile defense efforts and the Army.

Montgomery thanked Kilgore for his tremendous efforts in support of the PEO AMD, not only as chief of staff but also as the project manager for the Theater High Altitude Area Defense (THAAD) program.

In addition, he received an American flag, flown over the Capitol building, in recognition of a career spent in service to the nation. Kilgore was also given a statue of a soldier firing a Stinger missile. In

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Just saying no...

Help for substance abusers can start at center on Redstone

By John Allen

Drug and alcohol abuse is deemed public enemy No. 1 by mental health officials nationwide. Unfortunately, many abusers don't see things that way.

Rick Stock, a licensed professional counselor at the Center for Drug and Alcohol Treatment, says most of the referrals they get are in denial about their problem.

"We start our counseling by trying to break down the patient's denial of the problem of drug or alcohol abuse. Most of them insist that, 'I don't have a problem,'" Stock said. "Nationwide, one out of every 10 persons has a drug or alcohol problem, and the peripheral impact on their families is enormous."

Stock says the problem is further exacerbated because only one in 10 of those persons identified with a drug or alcohol problem — both adults and youth — takes advantage of the free counseling services that we have available to them. "A person may have to be arrested by the police before the problem is addressed," he said. "Until that happens, the problem is treated in the family like the proverbial elephant in the corner of the living room; it's there, but nobody talks about it."

The Center for Drug and Alcohol Treatment is a component of Fox Army

Health Center's Behavioral Medicine Division. It was created as a result of the Army's belief in the need for an alcohol and drug prevention and control program. The program here is staffed by Stock and David Bates.

"When a military person has been identified as a possible alcohol or drug abuser, the Commander's Program requires an evaluation of that person," Stock said. "Often, it is a security-related problem."

Just recently, the Center initiated a program for adolescents who are at risk for drug or alcohol usage.

Substance abuse is no small problem. As many as 40 million children live with an alcoholic parent and the divorce rate in alcoholic families is four times the national average.

A progressive family disease, alcoholism can dissolve the family unit.

Because the family loves and wants to protect the alcoholic, they often cover up for the drinker. The average family denies the loved one's alcoholism for years until the family is overwhelmingly affected.

Spouses will often take on the role of the other parent. New, and probably unhealthy family patterns develop as family responsibilities are forced to shift from two parents to one parent and the children.

Children of alcoholics

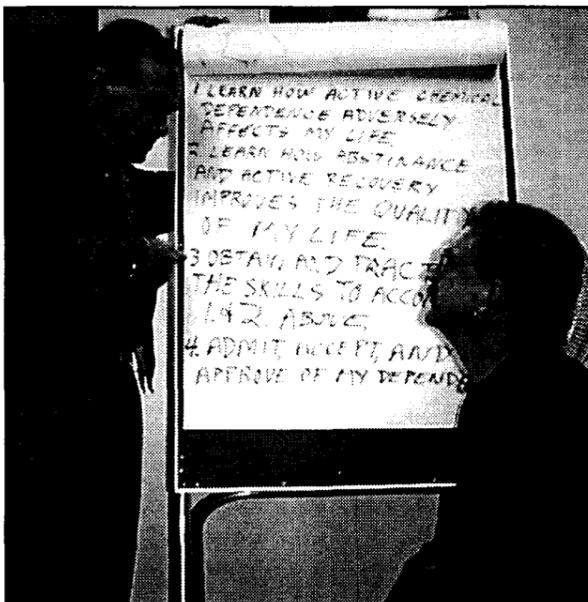


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COUNSELORS— Stock, left, reviews notes with associate David Bates prior to a group counseling session.

are often cast in the role of a parent and often serve as caretaker for the ill parent.

Families with alcoholism tend to develop confused and immature children through inconsistent child-rearing practices. Children may react by running away or failing in school.

Additionally, in response to the spouse's drinking, the

non-alcoholic parent may abuse or neglect the children.

The children may have a tough time distinguishing between sober parental concern and the unreasonable demands made by the drunk parent.

Alcoholic youths

It is not just adults who have drinking problems.

Surveys show that half of all high school seniors has gone drinking in a car at night. Almost one in three reports having ridden with a drunk driver. And while "only" one out of 20 seniors drinks daily, one in three will be drunk this weekend.

Children drink for many reasons: to feel grownup; to take risks and rebel; to fit in and belong; to relax and feel good; and to satisfy curiosity.

Many non- or moderate drinkers drink more than they want to because they don't know how to say "no" or are afraid to be left out.

Parents, grandparents, elders, aunts, and uncles can help children deal with peer pressure.

In fact, not wanting to harm the relationship between themselves and the caring adults in their lives is the most common reason that young people give for not using alcohol and drugs.

Addressing problem

Whether it's an adult or child who is abusing alcohol, the family's main obstacle is the drinker's

inability to accept his or her problem.

To rectify the situation, families must stop helping the drinker drink. This may sound absurd, but experts in substance abuse say that the people closest to an alcoholic do exactly that. They help by: making excuses when he or she misses work, school, or social engagements; buying booze or drinking with the drinker; paying for damages he causes while drunk; and cleaning up after him and generally making sure he stays out of trouble.

However, experts caution, when you stop being an enabler, you need to be prepared. More than likely, the drinker will not be happy about your new behavior and may take it out on you.

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and swing (tunes that may require a little more movement), the band's repertoire also includes tunes like "C.C. Rider," "Sittin' On the Dock of the Bay," "New York, New York," "My Girl" (medley), "The Twist," "Rock Around the Clock," and "Shout," among many others.

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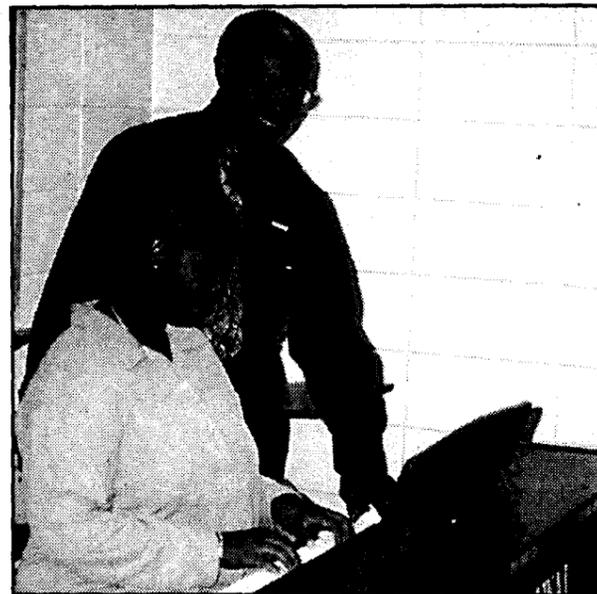


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accepting the statue, he said it "symbolized all the soldiers, NCOs and officers that I have dealt with during my 26 years of service."

Regarding his career, Kilgore said he was fortunate in having Air Defense Artillery assignments from platoon leader to battalion commander and in having worked with systems from Nike and Hawk to Patriot and THAAD. Concerning his upcoming transition

from the military, Kilgore said he was ready for the civilian world and did not look at this bend in the road as the end, "as long as you remember to turn."

The luncheon marked the end of a career in which Kilgore served in a variety of command and staff positions in both operational and acquisition organizations. During Operation Desert Storm, he commanded a Task Force of Patriot and Hawk fire units in Saudi Arabia and Iraq in support of XVII Airborne

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Kilgore "is a soldier who will always be a soldier, a true patriot," Montgomery said.

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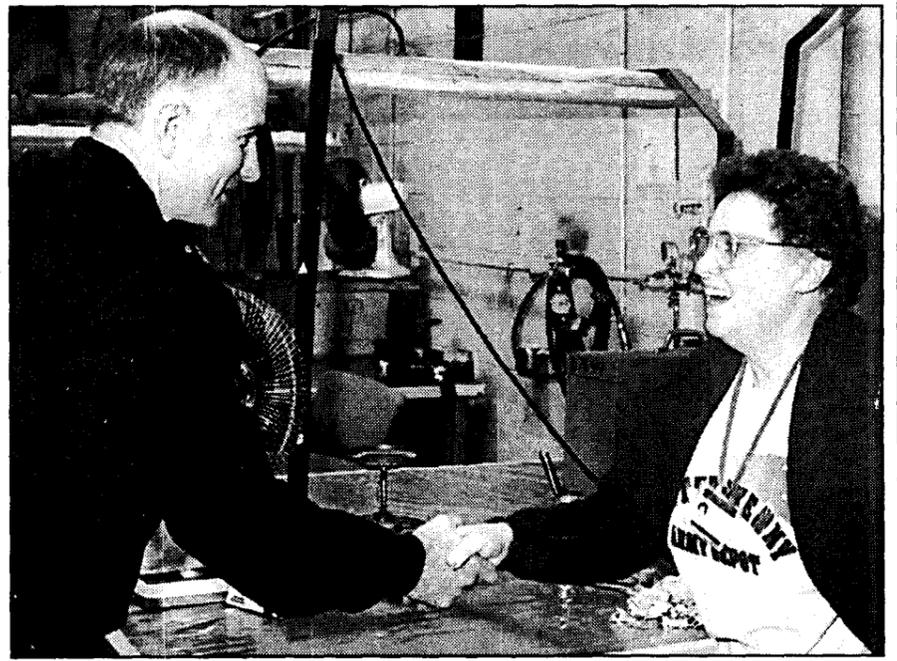


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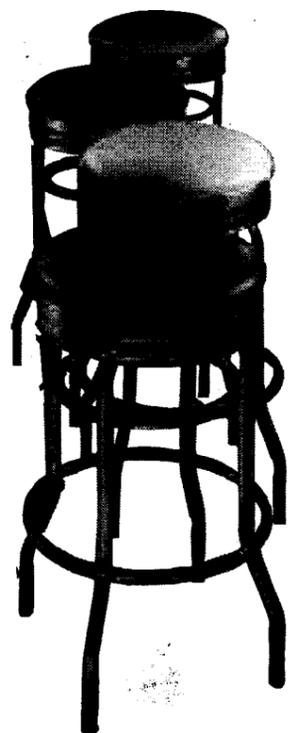
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BAND

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(bass guitarist), John McAphee (percussionist), and Carney (keyboardist).

In addition, vocalist Kathy Perdue would sometimes join in for special occasions and wedding receptions. She has been singing with the trio for the last nine years. When she is present, the group is known as "Trio plus One."

"The group primarily plays for receptions, banquets and special occasions," Carney said.

In 1995, Carney was

asked to take over the late Avery Richardson's band for a "few engagements." However, Carney continued with the group and eventually created another "tradition of performing excellence" when he renamed the "Avery Richardson Band" the "Omni-Music Band." Omni is a Latin word meaning "all."

Carney continues to direct the band, which now includes a lead guitarist, bass guitarist, a percussionist, a keyboard player, and a saxophonist and two vocalists. At present, Omni-Music Enterprises includes "Trio plus One" and the

"Omni-Music Band." Carney also performs solo on keyboard for receptions and open-house celebrations.

The band plays a variety of styles, including jazz, rhythm and blues, rock n' roll, and ballads. They provide satisfying music for a wide variety of listening and dancing audiences.

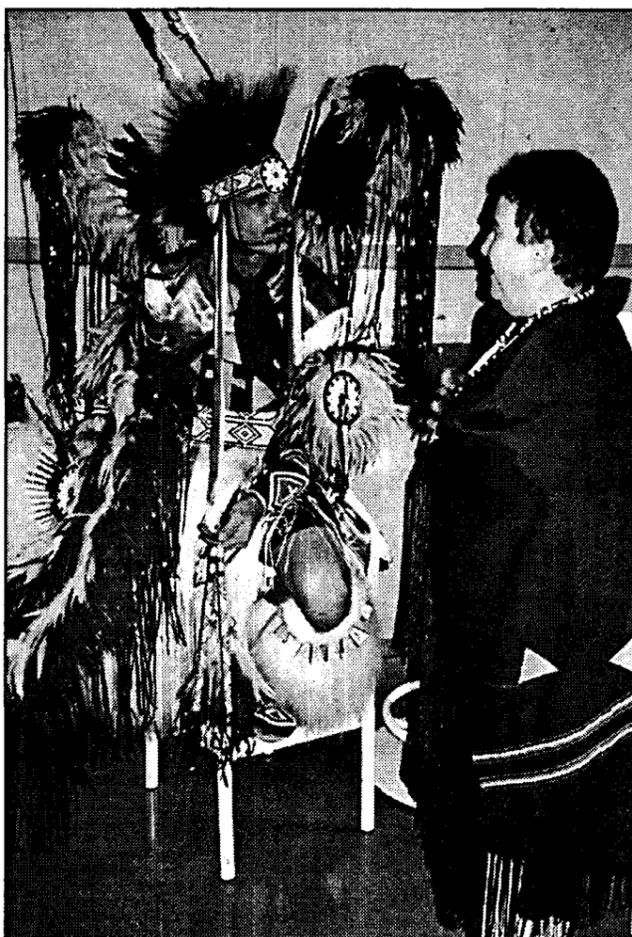
"The band has established itself as one of the premiere entertaining groups in North Alabama," Carney said.

(Editor's note: This article was submitted by the Publicity Committee, Holiday Party Working Group.)

Honoring heritage...

Annual Native American cele

Photos and story by John Allen



CHAMPION DANCER— Lee Lawrence, whose Indian name is Wind Dancer, talks with Betty Abbou during the Native American Inter-Tribal Celebration. Lawrence was recently voted the champion Indian dancer in a competition at Priceville.

A sizable crowd turned out for Celebration held Nov. 18 at the Re-

Included were educational displays laden with Indian food for annual celebration. November is designated Heritage Month. The celebration was Equal Employment Opportunity Of



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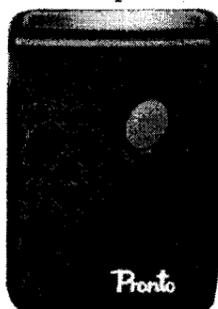
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SCHOOLS EXHIBIT— Huntsville City Schools was one of many exhibits at the Recreation Center.



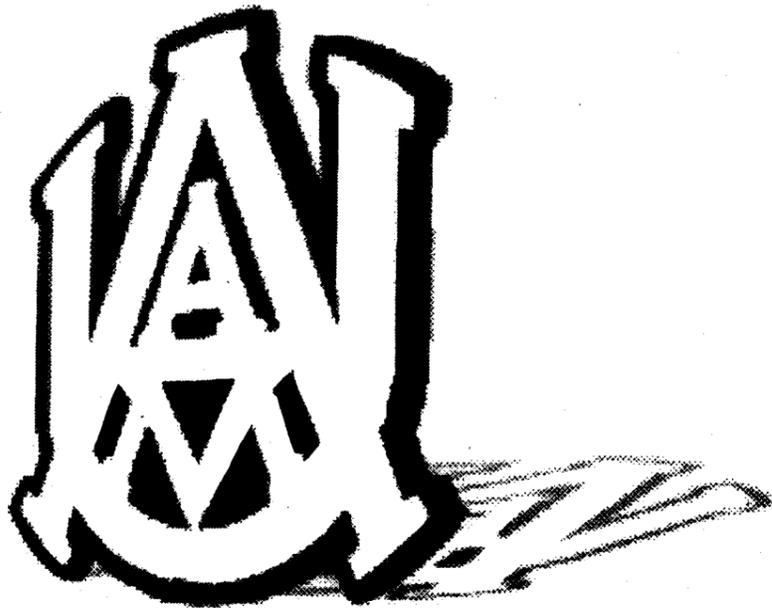
are taking advantage of exhibit. November has Heritage Month.



ROUNDUP— Nick Black Bear, a Cheyenne Indian from Oklahoma, addresses the crowd at the Recreation Center.



DISPLAY TABLE— The crowds were enthusiastic at the Madison County Schools' Indian education display table during the Native American Inter-Tribal Celebration.



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Exceeding goal...

Federal workers show they care through CFC

By John Allen



Although all agencies have not finished reporting, the Combined Federal Campaign has surpassed its goal for 1998.

As of Friday the Tennessee Valley area campaign collected \$1,502,764, exceeding its \$1,462,000 goal. AMCOM workers contributed \$595,968, topping the command's \$568,000 goal.

"And the money is still coming in," Charles Scott, CFC coordinator with United Way of Madison County, said.

The Tennessee Valley campaign encompasses federal agencies within a seven-county area. Some 149 charitable agencies are eligible for the funds generated by the CFC.

"In the last few years, AMCOM's goal has increased each year," said Dr. Herschel Love, chairman of the Local Federal Coordinating Committee for the last two years (and co-chairman in 1996). "And even though we have

met our goal each year, the number of contributors has gone down."

This year's slogan was "Caring is Sharing." AMCOM's fund-raising included a "Kiss a Pig" contest.

Contributions to the CFC have been touted as an investment in the community and country. Donations translate into benefits including meals for hungry children, relief for families in need of counseling, further work on cures for diseases, comfort for the dying, access to water in the Third World, environmental protection, and better lives and renewed hope for millions of people around the world.

Contributors were able to specify which organizations would receive their donation. The CFC offered a list of more than 1,300 organizations from which to choose.

Love is retiring Dec. 31. His replacement for the 1999

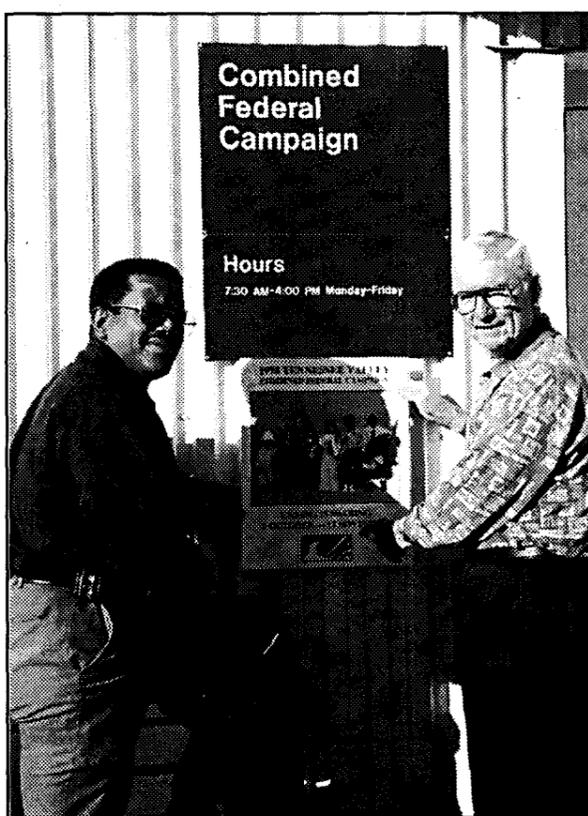


Photo by John Allen

NEW CHAIRMAN— Bob Wilkerson, left, next year's CFC chairman, and Love, this year's chairman, hold one of the posters used in the 1998 campaign. Love is retiring at the end of this year.

CFC will be Bob Wilkerson, of Integrated Materiel Management Center, who is the current CFC co-chairman.

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Sports

Razorbacks should put bite on LSU

By Skip Vaughn

My college football predictions went 188-57 over 12 weeks. Here are Skip's Picks for selected games this week:

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- Georgia Tech at Georgia— Ga. Tech
- Mississippi State at Ole Miss— Miss. St.
- Tennessee at Vanderbilt— Tenn.
- Miami at Syracuse— Miami
- Notre Dame at Southern Cal— Notre Dame
- Michigan at Hawaii— Michigan
- Virginia at Virginia Tech— Va. Tech
- Texas A&M at Texas— Texas A&M
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Sports & Recreation


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MAKING THE CALL— It's the love of the game and spending time with the kids that keeps Hill on the courts during basketball season.

Prep referee has been on the court for decade

Redstone worker calls the shots in local basketball games

By Sandy Riebeling

Some fans love him, some fans boo him, but basketball referee Greg Hill doesn't let the crowd get in his way of calling a fair game.

"We are trained in the rules and mechanics of the game to get into the best position to make the call," the 10-year referee veteran said. "Probably one of the hardest parts of being a referee is knowing that you're not going to please everyone with every call."

By day, Hill works as a development specialist in the Civilian Personnel Advisory Center at AMCOM; by night he dons the black and white stripes, grabs his tennis shoes and whistle and hits the courts. Hill referees an average of seven games a week, sometimes two in one night, covering

schools across North Alabama.

"I never leave home without my uniform," Hill said. "I might get a call in the middle of the day to referee a game after work."

Hill didn't start his career in such demand or working at the high school varsity level. As with most skills, it takes time, education, practice and performance to perfect the craft. Not that he's perfect, Hill is quick to point out, but he strives with every game and every play to make sure the call is fair.

"I've always loved basketball," Hill said. "I played it in high school. I help coach my son, Aaron's, church team. Being a referee keeps me involved in the game. I get to meet a lot of people. It also helps me get in shape and take off a little weight each year."

His love of the game helps motivate him through the hours of study, classes and practice he has to do to keep his skills sharp.

"Our association meets once a week from September through mid-February to study the rules and go over the mechanics," Hill said. "There are a lot of rules and we have to know how and when to apply them. The mechanics teach where to position yourself, the signals to use."

The association Hill belongs to, the North Alabama Basketball Officials' Association, holds contracts with 22 area high schools and middle schools to supply officials for their games. There are 125 members in the association and all are required to attend weekly classes to hone their skills and keep them up to date on

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Barbershop singing strikes chord with AMCOM worker

Best moment was when 'Paul Bunyan' cried at construction site

By Sandy Riebeling

A trip to the barber six years ago changed John Gonzalez's life forever. No, it wasn't a bad haircut or a perm run amuck. It was there, in a little shop in Albuquerque, N.M., that he met up with the Megatones, a barbershop quartet.

"I had taken my son, Marco, for a haircut when these guys came in singing," Gonzalez said. "I grabbed the shortest one by the arm and asked him if I could do that too."

All it took was one chord and Gonzalez was hooked. It wasn't long before the AMCOM employee, a logistics assistance representative to the New Mexico Army National Guard, was singing in not one but two chorus' and a barbershop quartet. Within a month, his youngest son, Marco, was singing with him.

"It really worked out great for us as a family," Gonzalez said. "All four of my boys were big in Scouting when we lived in Texas. But when we moved to Albuquerque, the Scouting just wasn't the same. It wasn't about camping out and teaching boys how to be young men. It was all about fund-raising. The boys lost interest in it pretty quick. Singing was something we could all do together."

And so they did. Gonzalez and his sons John, Bryan, Justin and Marco spent the next two years "busting chords" together. Even though three of his sons no longer

sing with the groups, he and Marco still sing with the New Mexichords, a chorus with 109 members and Duke City Chorus, 35 members, as well as his quartet, Sound of Gold.

Gonzalez began singing in high school chorus as a way to cut classes and "...well, you know, because that's where all the chicks were." He used the same logic when enrolling in home economics only to find the teacher wouldn't let him associate with the girls unless it was absolutely necessary. "But I can cook now. So it wasn't a total loss."

After high school he joined the Army, explaining that he limited his singing to the church choir because, "I was Combat Arms. I did not want to play."

Gonzalez, 53, performs about twice a month with the chorus' and about 40 times a year with the quartet, plus quartet competitions annually. His favorites songs include Battle Hymn of the Republic and Shenandoah.

Many of the events are paid performances but Gonzalez takes special pleasure in the pro bono work.

"We go to schools and other places but I especially like going to the senior centers," he said. "The seniors remember the old songs and enjoy this type of music."

His singing may not pay the bills but it's certainly more than a simple hobby for Gonzalez. He practices five hours a week with the chorus' plus taking voice lessons and over the past summer, attended a barber-



Sound of Gold photo

BUSTING A CHORD— The barbershop quartet Sound of Gold enjoys making music the old fashioned way. Members, from left, John McRenolds, tenor; Del

Patton, baritone; John Gonzalez, lead; and Marco Gonzalez, bass, serenaded Helen Thomas, senior White House correspondent, last Valentine's Day.

shop-harmony workshop in St. Joseph, Mo. "It was great," Gonzalez said of Harmony College. He and Marco attended classes and activities together for the week-long intensive study program in "barbershop-ping," the art of old-fashioned four-part

harmony singing. "There is a special male camaraderie among barbershoppers that I've never seen anywhere. We had probably 500 fellows there and not one argument."

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preventing crime...

Law enforcement depends on community's eyes

By John Allen

Does Redstone have crime?

The answer is "yes," according to Charles "Kip" Kiplinger, criminal investigator in the Provost Marshal Office.

"We don't have a lot of crime, but we do have crime," he said. "Probably, the most crime is from thefts. But we also have quite a bit of assaults, which are often domestic-related."

Kiplinger, a native Californian and an after-hours golfer, is part of a four-man team of investigators. The others include Dale Markin, Charles Thorpe, and chief Bobby Blackwell.

Here is a summary of Redstone's crime statistics, including some from "Provost Marshal at a Glance," a newsletter that Kiplinger publishes at the

end of each year.

Assaults on people

Eight areas are addressed, including assault—both aggravated and simple, rape, sodomy, indecent assault, carnal knowledge, harassing communications, and child neglect.

During the first nine months of 1998, there were 14 simple assaults. This compares with 25 in 1996 and 24 in 1997. Aggravated assaults are up considerably, with eight for the first nine months, whereas there were only three each for the previous two years. Crimes in the other categories were negligible.

Property crimes

This category also includes eight areas of crime. They include burglary, arson, larceny of government property—both over \$50 and under \$50, larceny of private

property under \$50, damage to property, and unauthorized use of a motor vehicle (joy-riding).

The highest incidence of crime in this category is damage to property. In the first nine months, there have been 48 cases. This compares with 104 and 62 respectively for the previous two years.

Only five burglaries have been reported, but persons bent on larceny have been busy. For the first nine months of 1998 there have been 57 reports of larceny to government property for less than \$50, and 33 cases of larceny for more than \$50. For larceny to personal property, there were 36 reports where the cost was more than \$50.

Illegal drugs

Infractions in this category include use of marijuana, heroin, cocaine, and other dangerous drugs.

Marijuana has been and continues to be the drug of choice within the confines of Redstone Arsenal.

In both of the previous years, there were nine investigations each of marijuana use. Already, just in the first nine months of 1998, the incidents stand at 13, with one report of heroin use.

Economic crimes

This involves false claims, false statements, and bad checks—usually to obtain money or services.

There have been 10 incidents of bad-check use in the first nine months of this year, whereas there were four in 1996 and 20 in 1997.

Other acts

Other crimes reported to Redstone Arsenal Police for action include AWOL/desertion incidents, communicating threats, illegal weapons possessions, trespass, interfering with an officer, and

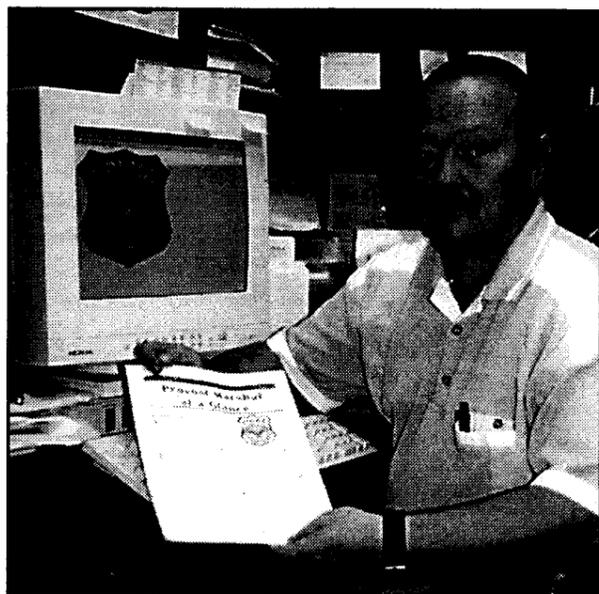


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SHARING NEWS— Kiplinger holds the Provost Marshal newsletter that he publishes each year showing Redstone crime statistics.

suicides.

AWOLs have shown a dramatic rise, from 16 in 1996 to 36 in 1997; and in the first three quarters of 1998 there have been 31 AWOLs reported. There have been six incidents of trespassing so far this year—twice the number

for the two previous years.

Traffic incidents

Drunk driving tops the list in traffic-related incidents. Reported incidents are as follows: 17 in 1996; 18 in 1997; and 21 in the

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CHORD

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According to Gonzalez, barbershoppers don't just sing together, they're like family—a family of international heritage numbering in the thousands. Barbershoppers have their own organization, the Society for the Preservation and Encouragement of Barber-shop Quartet Singing in America, with more than 34,000 members in 809 chapters in this country and Canada.

"We have all kinds of people—mechanics, lawyers, janitors, doctors, business men," Gonzalez adds retired Army warrant officers to the eclectic mix that comes together to spread joy through their music. "We love to get together. We love to sing."

The close relationships he developed with his fellow barbershoppers helped see him through some very dark days after the death of his son, Bryan.

"After Bryan passed away, I didn't sing for a year," Gonzalez said. "I lost interest in almost everything. But they didn't give up on me. They sent cards

and came to visit. They didn't push me to come back, either. Finally, one day my wife said that it was time to go back. She was right."

Gonzalez is back full speed and even organizes a special fund-raiser, the Valentine's Day Sing Out, which is much like singing telegrams.

"The best one I ever did—we went to this construction site," Gonzalez said. "The wife of one of the construction workers sent us to sing. So the foreman sort of signals for a bunch of the workers to come in and then calls in the guy we were supposed to sing to. He was this 6-foot-3 bearded, Paul Bunyan type. We started singing 'Let Me Call You Sweetheart' and before long we had this big Magoo crying. It was great."

"That's my favorite part—when you can make the people you're singing to feel the moment—the intensity. That makes me feel great, to know that we've touched someone."

Gonzalez is looking forward to his next big performance where he will sing at the governor's Christmas party to benefit a homeless shelter.

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first three months of 1998.

Crime prevention info

Kiplinger says the Investigations Section of the Provost Marshal Office maintains Crime Stop, an anonymous reporting telephone answering system. "This allows for persons who want to report crimes and gives them the option of becoming actively involved or not," he said.

Crime Stop can be used to report any suspicious activities or criminal activity that is not presenting an immediate threat to life and property. Telephone 876-2222.

For anyone who observes a situation where there is an immediate threat to life or property, they should phone 911.

Persons who want to report a crime, but remain anonymous, may phone 842-2458 and leave a detailed message.

You can also report a crime via the Internet. If you are on the CIC system,

just send the message to CRIMESTOP. You may e-mail your information about a crime to crimestop@redstone.army.mil.

"The Redstone police cannot be everywhere at all times," Kiplinger said. "We need the eyes and ears of the citizens of the community to help us. They are the ones who know when something is out of the ordinary. We depend on them to report anything that does not appear to fit into the daily scheme of things."

THAAD

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In addition to soldier feedback on the UOES system, early launcher design verification testing has been conducted to gain confidence in the preliminary design. The first mechanical system was put through a rigorous 300-mile mobility test at the Oshkosh Truck Corporation facility. Railroad ties were added to the course in order to remove any concerns about the Palletized Loading System truck's ability to mitigate shock loads to the missile rounds. The instrumented truck demonstrated its suspension was more than up to the task.

The launcher team continues to

support the flight test program, soldier training, and ongoing trade studies to improve the design to meet Army requirements for the production system. Several cost reduction initiative studies have been completed, results of which will be implemented to save around \$180 million in total life cycle costs. One initiative redesigned high cost electronics to be integral to the launcher and not the missile round pallet. Over 72 of these reload pallets are planned for storage in ammunition bunkers—the redesign to eliminate the pallet electronics has large savings in acquisition costs as well as maintenance and support expense. Before finalizing the launcher design, THAAD plans to take lessons learned from the Patriot Advanced Capability-

3 (PAC-3) launcher and determine what components can be made common with the THAAD launcher. Another future possibility is the integration and firing of other types of missiles from this launcher.

In an age of cost overruns and schedule slips, the launcher has prevailed as a success story. The Launcher Product Office has leveraged the cooperative attitude of the local Lockheed Martin-Huntsville contractor to foster a real team environment. Together the team has worked through inevitable developmental issues to find solutions quickly and economically. The payoff has been cost and schedule performance at 99 percent efficiency. (SMDC release)

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REFEREE

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rules. The less experienced members are given additional training opportunities with more seasoned referees to help them gain confidence and study the mechanics.

• "We also get together and talk about interesting or unusual situations that we've encountered over the week. We learn from each other. And we all try to help the younger officials," Hill said.

The association takes the job of officiating very serious. Members are ranked at the level of play they can call, beginning with recreation basketball which includes children and adult leagues and church leagues. As the official gains experience, he moves

up the ranks to middle school, then freshman, junior varsity and finally varsity level play.

"A lot of times the association will pair an older and a younger referee in a game, to help the younger ones as they're working," Hill said, adding that he calls games at all the levels.

"You have to go in open-minded, ready to react to the situation and keep the game under control."

Some of the funnier moments in his job, Hill refers to as the blooper moments. Hill started a game off last week with a blooper moment when he made the opening toss and one of the players knocked him down going after the ball.

"Everyone had a good laugh and we just smile and go on," Hill said.

Some of the most enjoyable moments on the court, according to Hill, are when the teams are just playing good basketball.

"I remember a girls' game two years ago," Hill said. "It was a tight game. The players played, the coaches coached the fans cheered and they let us call the game. It was great."

Tougher moments include ejecting players and even coaches from the game.

"It doesn't happen that often," Hill said, "but sometime you just have to. Fighting is an automatic ejection. Two technical fouls on a player or coach, or three indirect fouls on a coach will get you kicked out."

Under the heading of most frustrating... "It's knowing you made the right call but no one else sees it," said Hill. "We have the best position to see the action and we are

trained to know where to be. But, we know not everybody is going to agree with us."

Probably the most rewarding for Hill is watching the kids doing their best and excelling.

"It's not necessarily about getting a college scholarship, although I've seen several players go to big-name schools," Hill said. "It's about kids getting out there and giving it everything. And that really applies to all extracurricular activities, not just sports. It's about kids having a good time.

"We take pride in being professional in what we do. We like to relax, have fun and enjoy it but we are always professional. To borrow the Army phrase: we try to be the best we can be."



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BOSNIA

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working on three unmanned ground vehicle programs. One is the Vehicle Teleoperation (VT). "That is somewhat of a follow-on program to the Panther program where we are applying the standard robotic system which is the robotic kit that is on the Panther systems in Bosnia and we're applying it to a series of bulldozers," Curcio said. "And this is for the Army Engineer School at Fort Leonard Wood (Mo.); and they will use this VT system for mine-clearing and obstacle reduction. And that program is in the engineering manufacturing and development phase."

A second program is called the Robotic Combat Support System, a follow-on to the Mini-Flail. "In this program we will make improvements to the Mini-Flail system and add additional attachments such as forklift, front-end loader, etc. And this will also— besides providing for mine-clearing like the Mini-Flail — provide for obstacle reduction, and material handling," Curcio said. "And that program is in the concept exploration phase."

The third program is called Tactical Unmanned Vehicle, also known as SARGE (Surveillance and Reconnaissance Ground Equipment). This is a reconnaissance, surveillance and target acquisition program for the Army Infantry School at Fort Benning, Ga., and the Marine Corps. Now in the program definition and risk reduction phase, it will fulfill a scout mission for the users.

"Current technology allows us to produce systems that we classify as teleoperation. And teleoperation means that the man remains in the loop but he conducts his mission from a remote location," Curcio said. "Our goal as technology advances is to provide a level of autonomy which will allow the vehicle to make some of the decisions on its own. And just how autonomous is yet to be defined, because there's a certain point where you wouldn't want to allow the vehicle to do things— especially if you

have a weapon on the platform, you would never want to give up control of that."

Unmanned ground vehicles enable the soldier or Marine to perform missions through remote operation. The two types of remote operation include radio frequency— one radio giving a signal to a radio on the vehicle causing it to do what you want it to do — and fiber optic cable which means sending a signal through a cable attached to the vehicle.

An obvious benefit is keeping the soldier or Marine out of harm's way during hazardous missions.

"There are a couple of reasons why we're trying to go more to robotics. One reason is to provide more safety for the soldier and Marine basically on hazardous missions. And the other is as a force multiplier. And what I mean by that is the vehicle may be able to do more than what one individual may have had to do before; or one individual may be able to control several vehicles, which obviously multiplies capabilities," Curcio said.

The 30-member project office— under the deputy for systems acquisition at Aviation and Missile Command — includes four servicemembers and 26 civilians. They deal with two contractors: Omnitech Robotics Inc., of Denver, Colo., which works on the VT program; and Uwohali of Huntsville, which provides local support.

About \$15 million a year is spent altogether on the three development programs.

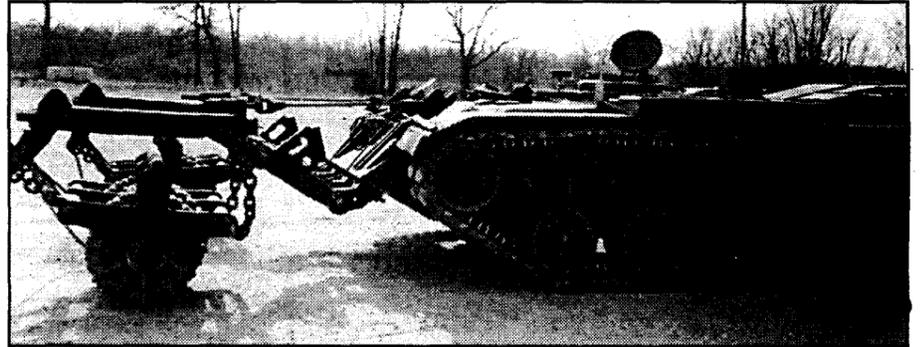
In 1982 the military began showing interest in unmanned ground vehicles. The Army and Marine Corps joined together to work on these systems in 1990, when this project office was established. Since then the Air Force and Navy have initiated efforts in unmanned systems. And now all four services are working together under the Office of Secretary of Defense-sponsored, joint robotics program.

"Certainly the desire in the future is to move toward this more autonomous mode of operation and other missions that are envi-



File photo

IN TRANSIT— Soldiers in Bosnia receive a Mini-Flail system for use in clearing anti-personnel mines.



File photo

PANTHER— The Panther, for clearing anti-tank mines, is attached to an M-60 tank chassis. Soldiers in Bosnia have asked that this system be updated for use with the current M-1 tank.

sioned besides mine-clearing and RSTA (reconnaissance, surveillance and target acquisition) are things such as resupply, chemical and biological detection, weapons platforms, casualty evacuation," Curcio said.

Besides Curcio, project manager since July 1997, other key members of his office include: Gaylon Branam, deputy project

manager; Army Maj. Dan Folk, VT product manager; Marine CWO 3 Bob Hanovich, the Tactical Unmanned Vehicle product manager; Steve Thibadoux, chief engineer; Cliff Hudson, chief of program management; Stephanie Daffin, chief of logistics; and Mike Whittier, chief of product assurance and testing.

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UAH hockey

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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.

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building 3411, 832nd Ordnance Battalion, B Company, 1st Sgt. Berger 842-0608 or Capt. Curtis 842-0601.

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The Optometry Clinic at Fox Army Health Center has been downsized. With the loss of the resident doctor, the number of available appointments has decreased by 300 per month. In the foreseeable future, the clinic will no longer be able to provide contact lens fits or prescriptions to any category but permanent party active duty. All categories—active duty, Tricare Prime, Occupational Medicine-job related, non-Prime family members of active duty, non-Prime retirees, non-Prime family members of retirees—will be seen for routine, disease and trauma related examinations; however, non-Tricare Prime patients are seen on a space available basis. Non-Tricare Prime patients could have their appointment canceled if it is required by a Tricare Prime patient to meet access standards. For more information, call Sgt. Schuller 955-6056/6054.

Fox Center

Fox Army Health Center will be on holiday hours Thursday and Friday for Thanksgiving. Triage/advice nurses will be available 24 hours a day at 955-8888 to schedule urgent appointments. All other clinics and pharmacy will be closed.

Miscellaneous

AER scholarships

The Maj. Gen. James Ursano Scholarship Fund, administered by Army Emergency Relief, is a secondary mission to help Army families with the costs of undergraduate level education, post-

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Photo by Sandy Riebeling

Congratulations...

GRADUATES— The Ordnance Missile and Munitions Center and School graduated 23 soldiers and Marines in the Technical Escort School class 1-99 Nov. 5. PFC Karla Rombaldi accepts congratulations after receiving a diploma and certificate in the transport and handling of chemical and biological shipments.

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secondary vocational training, and preparation for acceptance by service academies for their dependent children. Scholarship applications are available at Army Community Service, building 3491, or may be printed from AER Headquarters' web site www.aerhq.org through March 1, 1999. The completed application with supporting documents must be mailed to AER Hq and post-marked by March 1, 1999. Applicants must be unmarried dependent children, stepchildren or legally adopted children of soldiers on active duty, retired, or deceased while on active duty or after retirement. They must be U.S. citizens or permanent U.S. residents under age 22 on June 1 preceding the academic year for which the scholarship is requested. All eligible persons are encouraged to apply. For more information call Juanita Adams, AER officer, 876-5468.

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Commissary hours

The Commissary will have the following holiday operating hours through Dec. 31: closed Nov. 26-27; 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. Nov. 28; 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Nov. 29; closed Nov. 30; 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. Dec. 1-4; 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. Dec. 5; 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Dec. 6; closed Dec. 7; 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. Dec. 8-11; 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. Dec. 12; 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Dec. 13; closed Dec. 14; 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. Dec. 15-18; 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. Dec. 19; 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Dec. 20; 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. Dec. 21-23; 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Dec. 24; closed Dec. 25-26; 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Dec. 27; closed Dec. 28; and 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. Dec. 29-31.

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. The chapter announced the following winners of "free registrations" for its fourth annual Conference on the African-American Family. Registrations are valued at \$100. The winners include Beryl Cutts, James Turnage, Patricia Hopkins, Irvin

Daniel, Anthony Gibson, Carol Toney, Arlene Erskine and Lois Caudle.

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.

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.

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 are required to use the services. Attendance is mandatory for military personnel permanently assigned to Redstone. Spouses are

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Circus performance

Ringling Brothers, Barnum and Bailey circus is coming and CWFC has tickets for the Dec. 6 performance at 1:30 p.m. Cost is \$13.50—box seats only. Price is same for children and the young at heart. Call Mary Ann, of the Civilian Welfare Fund Council, 313-1698.

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 published soon. Ten seats for the hearing impaired will reserved in Section 7 of the Auditorium.

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.

NCO graduation

The NCO Academy will conduct a graduation ceremony at 9 a.m. Dec. 2 in building 3329 for the Basic Noncommissioned Course. The public is invited. For more information, call 955-7954.

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, coordination 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.

Resource managers

The American Society of Military Comptrollers (ASMC) will hold its Christmas social from 5-9 p.m. Dec. 7 at the Rustic Lodge. There will be food, a DJ and door prizes. The Redstone community is invited. Cost is \$3 per person. All proceeds will go to benefit ASMC member Teresa Ivey. For more information, call Tammy Moore 876-3033 or Dennis Summers 876-8351.... ASMC will have its holiday luncheon at 11:30 a.m. Dec. 10 at Trinity Personal Growth Center on Airport Road. Scheduled speaker is Barbara Bonessa, Department of Army's ASA Financial Management Office. Cost is \$9 for members, \$10 for non-members. For reservations call Janet Sierma 955-3890.

Weather closures

Northern Alabama is approaching the time

of year when inclement weather may cause a closure or delay in the opening of Redstone Arsenal. The following television and radio stations will be contacted and asked to make announcements if such an event occurs: Arab—WRAB, 1380 AM; Athens—WZYP, 104.3 FM; Decatur—WDRM, 102 FM; Guntersville—WGSV, 1270 AM; Huntsville—WAHR, 99.1 FM; WDRM, 102 FM; WJAB, 90.9 FM; WLRH, 89.3 FM; WNDA, 95.1 FM; WRSA, 97 FM; WTKI, 1450 AM; WHNT-TV (Channel 19); WAAY-TV (Channel 31); WAFF-TV (Channel 48); Scottsboro—WWIC, 1050 AM and Fayetteville, Tenn.—WEKR, 1240 AM. Remember, if you do not hear an announcement, assume the installation is open and report to work.

Investors club

The Investors Coffee Club will meet 9:15-10:15 a.m. Dec. 2 at the Bailey Cove Branch Public Library auditorium. The club is facilitated by Montie Gonterman, investment representative of Edward Jones. Novice, moderate, and seasoned investors are invit-

ed. Complimentary coffee and doughnuts will be served. For more information or to make a reservation, call 880-3040.

PX sale day

The Main Exchange will be open Friday from 6 a.m. to midnight for a "Day After Thanksgiving Sale." Activities include clown/face painting and balloon twisting, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.; free rides—space bounce, train ride, airplane ride, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.; visit with Fred Phred the Magician, 1-3 p.m. Register to win one of the following: Hallmark Barbie Ornament, Happy Holidays Barbie Doll, and \$50 gift certificate.

OMMCS party

The Ordnance Missile and Munitions Center and School will hold its Christmas holiday party at 6 p.m. Dec. 10 at the Marriott Hotel, adjacent to the Space & Rocket Center. The party includes a buffet dinner, door prizes, and DJ entertainment. Cost is \$15 per person. A photographer will be available for \$5

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Thrift savings

The Thrift Savings Plan (TSP) open season began Nov. 15 and ends Jan. 31. During open season, employees can begin to contribute, increase/decrease the amount of employee contributions, and/or change their future fund allocations. Election forms and pamphlets have been distributed to the primary organizational elements and are available through the employee's administrative office. An employee wishing to make a change should send their TSP-1 Form directly to: South Central-Civilian Personnel Operations Center, Attn: SFCP-SC-S, Sparkman Complex, building 5304, Redstone Arsenal 35898-6222. All mailed forms must be postmarked by Feb. 1. Forms may be handcarried to the SC-CPOC mailroom, building 5304, room 4266. Questions concerning TSP should be directed to the employee's servicing personnel list in the Civilian Personnel Advisory Center. Visit the Thrift Savings website at www.tsp.gov for additional TSP information.

Retiree speakers

Did you know that every month, AMCOM receives dozens of requests for guest speakers from schools, clubs and other groups? There is a strong demand for AMCOM speakers in the local area. Unfortunately, the Speakers Bureau Program is often unable to accommodate all requests that are received. There are not enough speakers available to fill all of them! Therefore, we are recruiting help from retirees who would like to join our team and talk about their hobbies, activities or interests. For more information call Margaret Banish-Donaldson, Public Affairs Office, 842-0558.

Food drives

Because of limited storage facilities, Army Community Service isn't collecting food donations for local families. But ACS does have a list of organizations that are accepting items. Call Mary Breeden 876-5397.

Talent/fashion show

Better Opportunity for Single Soldiers (BOSS) will present a "Talent/Fashion Extravaganza" at 6 p.m. Dec. 5 at the Recreation Center, building 3711. Tickets, which cost \$5, are available at the center's box

office. For more information, call Spec. Saffiatu Mansaray 876-0936.

Plastic modelers

Huntsville Plastic Modelers Society will meet 7 p.m. Dec. 2 at the Recreation Center. For more information, call 851-6842.

Youth basketball

A few spaces are still available in the Youth Services basketball registration. All active military, retired military, DoD, DA, and contractor family members ages 4-18 are encouraged to participate. Practice will begin in December and league play begins in January. Anyone interested may sign up at the Youth Center, building 3148 from 1-8 p.m. Monday through Saturday. For more information, call 876-2255.

Retired officers

The Retired Officers Association annual Christmas Party will be held at 6 p.m. Dec. 2 at the Redstone Arsenal Club. The program will consist of entertainment provided by the Philippine-American Association of Alabama. Reservations for this event must be made by Saturday. For reservations or more information, call retired CWO 4 Ancieto Bagley 852-7973.

Processing workshop

A workshop on Data Compression Processing Techniques for Missile Guidance Data Links will be held Dec. 2-3 at the Sparkman Auditorium. For more information, call 890-6343 (ext. 279).

Housing office

The Housing Office will be closed Friday in observance of the Thanksgiving holiday. The office will open for business as usual at 7 a.m. Nov. 30.

Helping Honduras

For the last four years, St. Thomas Episcopal Church in Huntsville has sponsored a Medical Mission to a little village in Honduras. Now, in response to Hurricane Mitch, the church would like to collect food and supplies to send down to Honduras. The Dole Fruit Company has offered to let groups send down containers full of such materials for free, if they can get it to Pass Christian, Miss., by Dec. 5. "City Lumber has offered to truck what we can gather to the Coast," the church said in a prepared release. "Please help us fill the truck with needed supplies for our brothers and sisters in Christ, who are right now in great need." For more information, call the church 880-0247/0248 or Cindy Atkins 880-2296.

Apprentice program

Applications are available

for the 1999 Science and Engineering Apprentice Program and College Apprentice Program. The distribution point of contact for applications is the senior counselor at all public, private and parochial high schools. Possible career placement areas at the Aviation and Missile Command include physics, chemistry, computer science, engineering and mathematics. The Science and Engineering Apprentice Program (SEAP) is for students who have demonstrated aptitude interest in science and engineering courses and careers. Eligible students must be U.S. citizens who are at least 15 by the start of the program, June 15. The College Apprentice Program (CAP) is for undergraduate students who have completed the SEAP and are enrolled in a scientific or technical major. Other criteria are stated on the applications. Junior and senior scientists and engineers serve as mentors who guide students through an interactive research project. Applications are also available from the management employee relations and training branch, building 5303, Betty Duke 313-4790 or Jerrel McCollum 842-8850.



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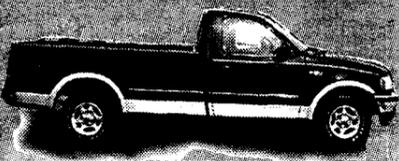


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