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Former Thiokol production facilities getting new users

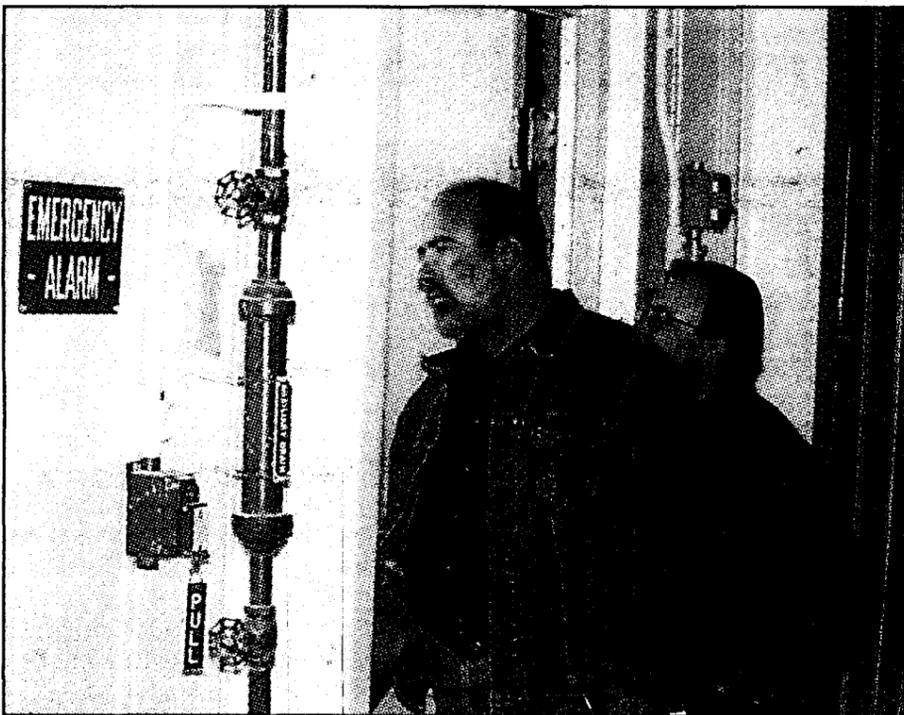


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WALK-THROUGH— Dothage, left, and Pastizzo, both of Northrop Grumman inspect building 7347 which will become the final assembly building for production of BAT submunitions. The building, under renovation, is in the area formerly occupied by Thiokol Corporation.

Contractors, Army agencies filling space vacated by company in 1996

By Skip Vaughn

Unlike the Eagles' old song "Hotel California," where you can check in but never leave, tenants can and do leave Redstone from time to time. That's what happened with Thiokol just over two years ago.

Thiokol Corporation shut down its rocket motor plant and left behind a sprawling area of vacant buildings and storage igloos. The Army assumed the role of real estate agent looking for new occupants of these former production facilities in 1,260 acres. Imagine the real estate ad: *VACANCY—Production Facility Available; Plenty of Administrative Space, and Secure Storage, too.*

Some new tenants have arrived, and the list is growing. Reusing these facilities benefits both the new occupant and the Army, according to Roger Schwerman, chief of the installation management office under the Directorate of Public Works.

"It's cost savings, cost avoidance and it's also bringing dollars to support the infrastructure," he said.

Contractors who move in pay a monthly lease and also pay for upkeep and utilities. This can avoid additional contract cost for the government. Government tenants who move in pay for their facilities' maintenance and utilities.

Thirteen buildings in the former Thiokol north area have been leased to Northrop Grumman since last fall for production of BAT (Brilliant Anti-Armor) submunitions. These include seven buildings for the actual production or administrative work. The remaining six buildings are vacant structures that are within the quantity distance ratio—the area reserved around a production site for safety reasons.

Northrop Grumman BAT workers have moved into an administration office building at 7650. Production work should begin within the next few months, according to Dominic Pastizzo, the final assembly Integrated Production Team leader for Northrop Grumman. Meanwhile, the production

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Lifetime of service ends suddenly for ceremony guest of honor

MLRS Project Office family grieves at retirement luncheon

By Skip Vaughn

Bob Ryland didn't get a chance to enjoy his well-deserved retirement.

He was close, so close to really enjoying life for a change. His co-workers had gathered at the Marriott Hotel last Dec. 17 to honor Ryland and 10 others who would retire Jan. 2 from the MLRS Project Office.

The retirement luncheon, like most such occasions, was bittersweet. It was a time for happiness, for celebration, but also a time for sadness. The honorees, including Ryland, would be leaving the people they had known for decades. They would miss their friends; they would miss the lifestyle.

Each supervisor of the individual retiring gave a short speech on the history



File photo

PROJECT OFFICIAL— Ryland's photo was among those on the bulletin board for MLRS Project Office leaders.

of the employee or his or her attributes. Dean Reese, chief of the rockets and munitions division at Multiple Launch Rocket System Project Office, provided such an introduction for Ryland.

"Mr. Ryland was known for his professionalism, his dedication and outstanding leadership within the MLRS PMO," Reese said. "He demanded the very best from his employees, nothing less than he demonstrated himself. He will be sorely missed by all those he has worked with over the years within MLRS and countless government agencies and contractors. He has been described, in many circles, as the gentleman's gentleman. The MLRS Project Office and the U.S. Army salute a truly great American, Bob Ryland."

Afterwards, Ryland gave a departing speech which challenged the young employees to take advantage of the educational opportunities made available by the govern-



Harold Garner/Photo Lab

HAPPY MOMENT— Ryland and his wife enjoy the program during his retirement luncheon.

ment and to become dedicated workers with a clear focus on the customer, the soldier in the field.

"He gave an outstanding speech, challenged the young community to step up and take the gauntlet," Reese said.

An engineer, Ryland was matrixed to MLRS from the Missile Research

Development and Engineering Center's technical management directorate which was his office of record.

Ryland had served in the Air Force from 1948-52. He worked as an Air Force civilian from 1953-54. An Auburn graduate, Ryland worked several years in the private sector, primarily

with Monsanto, with duty stations in the United States and Iran. In November 1971 he came to work for the Army's Safeguard Systems Command in Huntsville. Ryland joined the then-Missile Command at Redstone in August 1974. He worked in the

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Letters To The Editor

Staying healthy

I hate exercise. There, I said it, and it's true. Is hate too strong a word in this case? Not really. As far as I'm concerned, exercise can be described with a four-letter word—blep! — as cartoon character Charlie Brown's been known to say. Why am I so sure I hate it? I tried it, and I "didn't" like it. Aerobics (low- or high-impact, and step), dancercise, walking, jogging, calisthenics, weight training, using a stationary bicycle, you name it—been there, done that. It's all the same to me—a chore of which I'd rather say, "Let's don't and say we did."

But I do like feeling good. In fact, you might say I'm addicted to feeling good that comes only from a balanced diet, sufficient sleep, and—well, exercise. The Big Three. Omit even one of these, and eventually you'll most likely feel, and look, as a friend terms it, "like death eating crackers." Throw in some stress (and who isn't stressed these days?) and health experts warn us there's an invisible time clock ticking down to the moment we'll most likely suffer an illness—maybe minor, maybe not so minor.

Cheating yourself of an hour of sleep every day for a week adds up to skipping a night's sleep and can make you feel "clumsy, unhappy, and dead."

— Stanley Coren,
Neuropsychologist

So, let's face it, our body requires maintenance, not so terribly different from our automobile. Neglect either, and you suffer the consequences. Let a car stay static too long, and it dies before its time. If you remain inactive too long, so will you. Being a couch potato, or computer potato, is no longevity creator. However, if you do take care of either your body or vehicle, you'll generally reap the rewards.

As with an auto, a key point is the preventive maintenance concept for the body. If you fuel your body with proper nutrition and maintain it through a balance of exercise and reparative rest, chances are you'll find yourself "humming" along like a well-tuned machine through your busy days. You'll not only feel better, researchers provide overwhelming evidence you'll prevent a lot of health problems.

Also as a preventative measure, consider taking vitamin supplements (a multivitamin, vitamin E, and— if you're a woman—calcium to prevent osteoporosis). Researchers daily present impressive evidence vitamin E helps prevent cancer, even Alzheimer's, arthritis and

senility. Be sure to purchase calcium tablets with vitamin D, which is needed for absorption.

So, when you prevent health problems, such issues as the mental and physical stress of illness, the time and expense of obtaining medical care, and the lost work (and play) time become a moot point. Besides, let's face it—being sick isn't one whit of fun.

Concerning medical care, men, don't be Macho Man and, ladies, don't pretend you're an old-timed country girl, who sees a doctor twice in a lifetime (when you're born and when you die). It doesn't take a brain surgeon to figure out that when you need medical attention, get it. And if you need medication prescribed by a reputable doctor, take it. This may sound so elementary, you wonder why it's worth mentioning. Recently, I learned of a young man who, not long after graduating from college, died from pneumonia. Family members said he kept toughing out what he thought was just a bad cold or flu. Suddenly, and too late for medical attention, his lungs filled with fluid and he died.

So, when it comes to your physical (or emotional) well-being, if you err, then err on the side of caution. I'm not urging you to become a hypochondriac; just exercise caution when ignoring a "bug" or other troublesome symptoms.

Also, reparative sleep is just that; it helps the body repair itself, and you can't live without it. A Canadian survey showed the top health complaint among women was fatigue, ranking ahead of breast cancer, heart disease, and numerous other life-threatening illnesses. Yet, many of us regularly skimp on that great fatigue fighter—sleep—creating a sleep deficit we fail to pay back.

Researcher William Dement at Stanford University estimates that the American "sleep debt" may cost our economy as much as \$100 billion each year in lost productivity, accidents, and illnesses, with \$50 billion spent on illnesses related to cigarette smoking. If you cheat yourself of an hour of sleep every day for a week, that adds up to skipping a night's sleep and can make you feel "clumsy, unhappy, and dead" as stated by neuropsychologist Stanley Coren, author of "Sleep Thieves" (Free Press, 1996). Also, the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration estimates at least 100,000 auto accidents occur annually, with 1,500 deaths caused, by sleepy drivers. That makes my earlier statement, concerning sleep, bear repeating: You can't live without it.

So, when you're feeling spry from catching those much-needed Zs and from eating low-fat, energy-giving foods, if you're like me and exercise isn't for you, consider having fun this year that just happens to involve exercise. A friend of mine, also an exercise-hater, loves to dance till she drops (square, round or ballroom dancing). Another enjoys the great outdoors, hiking up mountains and along woody trails. Yet another loves swimming, basketball, and other sports. Perhaps try watching a highly entertaining video while cross-country "skiing" in your living room (or some similar exercise).

The buddy system also works great when exercising (misery loves company, I always say)! But, seriously, try walking, hiking or going to the gym with a friend. It will provide you time for friendship, which experts say is important in the quest for good health, as well as help strengthen each other's resolve to get in shape. Besides, friends are always fun, and even "I" can get physically fit if it means having fun.

So, go ahead, "indulge" yourself in the new year with The Big Three, and you'll definitely up your chances of maintaining natural good health and staying alive longer. And I do mean indulge. After all, it's vital that you take time for yourself to get sufficient sleep. That you care enough of yourself to provide your body the proper fuel, in the right quantity, that it needs. That you rearrange your priorities to allot "you" some time in your busy schedule of work, and taking care of others, to take care of your mental and physical health with exercise.

So, indulge yourself. Then, if you aren't "hooked" already, I bet you too will get hooked on feeling good in 1999.

Cheryl Casey-Walker
Technical editor,
Logistics Support Activity

Timecard system

As the contractor who provided (minimal) technical assistance to Royal Ritchey and Huey Weaver when they put up the old MATES timecard entry system for MICOM, I confess to feeling a certain guilty pleasure when I read Ms. Thompson's letter concerning the shortcomings of the current ATAAPS system. As slow as MATES occasionally was (due to a lousy CPU-bound ASCII/EBCDIC protocol translator in the old Sperrys), I don't think it was ever the target of hate mail in the Rocket. Further, for those staff lucky enough to be on 3278 tubes linked to Ernie Williams' and Tom Moore's 56KB Memorex controllers, MATES was actually quite fast.

The irony is that although MATES was considered to be an out-of-date system due to its reliance on a mainframe IBM database (Model 204), the Army decided to field ATAAPS even though it relies on an even older IBM mainframe technology (CICS/VSAM) which MICOM had wisely decided years ago to never use except when it had to to run SIMA-fielded CCSS data entry applications.

If you think ATAAPS is slow now, folks, wait till you're going through Tn lines to a mega-DMC mainframe in St Louis. No "upgrade" known to man will ameliorate the mathematical conclusions one can reach in this regard by a simple application of elementary queueing theory. A blivet is a blivet, no matter how you try to disguise the smell.

David Halitsky

Reducing infrastructure...

Team Redstone taking step with Smaller Footprint operation

By Morton Archibald

AMCOM wants you to have a better place to work as the command seizes an opportunity to save energy and maintenance costs by closing some of our aging buildings.

Recent departures—640 people as of Dec. 31—have created a unique opportunity

to consolidate people in better and more efficient facilities.

Maj. Gen. Emmitt Gibson, commander of the Aviation and Missile Command and Redstone Arsenal, directed "Operation Smaller Footprint" for a better Team Redstone. He made the announcement at the community staff meeting Jan. 6. He was so impressed with your response to the energy

campaign last summer, that he decided to build on this success. "Consider this Phase II of the energy campaign," Gibson told staffers.

He set the following goals for the operation:

- Establish a plan for backfilling the Sparkman Center by February.
- Establish a plan for consolidating other

facilities by April.

The goal of Operation Smaller Footprint is simple: Vacate and close inefficient and obsolete facilities. This will put people in newer and better facilities. It will allow the post to close old facilities sprawling across the Arsenal. It will also reduce travel time

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Caring tree success...

Youth Services delivered holiday gifts to 71 children at Redstone

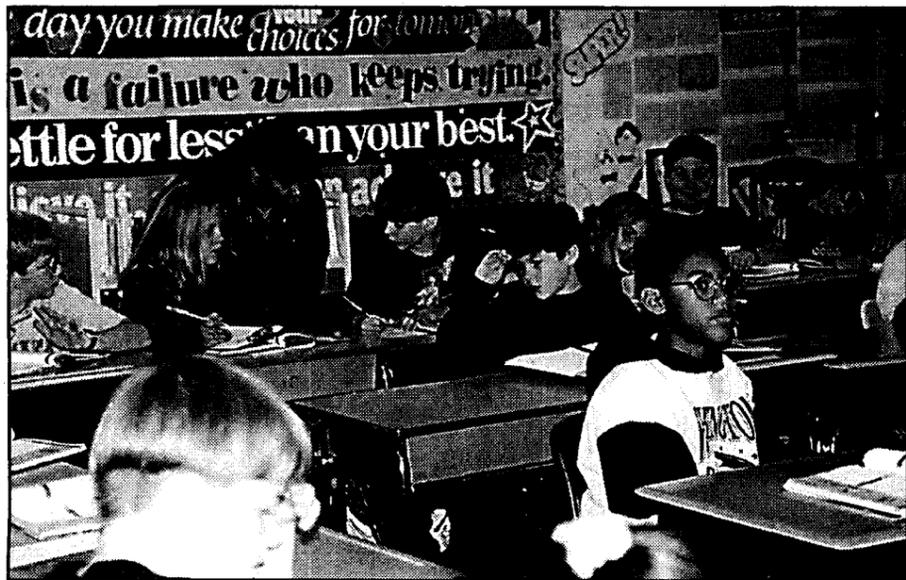


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TEACHING CHARITY— Pupils in Tabor's fifth-grade class at Weatherly Heights Elementary School gave more than \$85 to sponsor a child listed on the Caring Tree at the Post Exchange.

By Sandy Riebeling

Christmas presents poured in as generous patrons of the Post Exchange plucked yellow stars off the Caring Tree and returned hundreds of gifts for children in need at Redstone Arsenal.

More than 600 gifts were distributed to the 71 children listed on the stars of the Caring Tree, a program sponsored by the teens at Redstone's Youth Services.

"This is the kids' program," said Russell Litz, teen program director at Youth Services. "They bought the tree and all the decorations with their own money, made all the stars with the kid's names and sizes on them, put up the tree and then picked up the presents from the PX. It's a wonderful program that has helped a lot of children and they deserve a pat on the back for their efforts."

Janice Tabor, parent representative to the Youth Services Teen Council, agreed with Litz.

"The kids did a great job this year," said Tabor, who acts as an adviser to the council during their monthly meetings. "Everything they plan, they do it all themselves. I come to the meetings but only to make sure that they follow parliamentary procedures and to be there to answer any questions they have. They make all the decisions concerning the council."

As a fifth-grade teacher at Weatherly Heights Elementary School in Huntsville, Tabor was a unique link in a chain of kids helping kids to help kids, all through the Caring Tree.

"Usually our whole fifth-grade collects money to sponsor children together," Tabor said. "This year, one of the classes had decided to sponsor a child from another country for Christmas. My kids wanted to sponsor a child too, but I gave them a choice of sponsoring one from here or from another country. I don't think a lot of my students knew that there were kids right here in Huntsville that needed help."

Tabor's pupils voted to sponsor a child from Huntsville so Tabor told them about the Caring Tree at the PX.

"We got a late start but in just a few days, bringing in spare change, allowances and money from their parents, my class raised more than \$85," Tabor said.

"Half of the money I brought came from my allowance; half came from my mom," said Richard Davis, one of the contributors in Tabor's class. "I didn't have anything

better to do with my allowance, and I think it's good to help others."

"We give to Christmas charities like the Salvation Army and stuff like that at home," Jonathan Aboko-Cole said. "I brought some of my allowance in to give. I give my old clothes away too."

Tabor said that sponsoring a child from Huntsville opened the door for learning about the less fortunate that are here in the United States.

"We talked about homelessness and how just a little bad luck—losing your job — can make people who were doing all right a few months ago, homeless today," she said.

Candace Schmidt, another of Tabor's pupils, said, "I thought it was good that she chose to sponsor someone who wasn't as lucky as we are."

"We usually [sponsor] two kids every year," fifth-grader Adam Burks said. "So this year my mom got one from Wal-Mart and said we could sponsor the other one at my school."

It seems that generosity is a learned behavior. Tabor recalls some of her earliest childhood memories were that of her mother taking the clothes her family had outgrown and giving them to another person in the neighborhood who needed them. What Mrs. Sentry Hinson began in her child Janice has trickled down to the pupils Tabor teaches today.

"When Mrs. Tabor started talking about the kids who needed help, I started thinking about what I could do," Kyle McGraw said. "We started this at home this year, too. It was nice to know that someone who doesn't have very much would get something for Christmas."

The spirit of giving and helping that began this cycle of children helping children didn't disappear as the holiday season passed. The teens at the Youth Services pick one Saturday a month to deliver Teddy bears to youngsters in the children's ward at Huntsville Hospital.

"The kids use the money they've earned through fund-raisers to buy teddy bears to take to the children at the hospital," Litz said. "They go once a month, give the kids the bears and sit and talk with them. It's a really great thing that they do."

Tabor and her husband have four children, Jerome Jr., 17; Robert, 16, Paul, 11, and Sentralia, 9. Jerome Jr. and Robert serve on the Youth Services Teen council.

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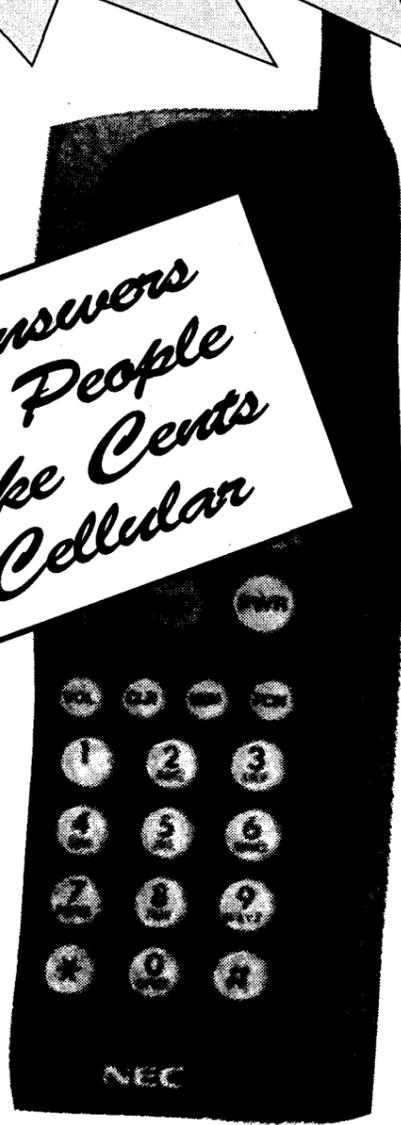
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Remembering those who served...

Military heritage display takes shape in WSD lobby

By Sandy Riebeling

It is a wall dedicated to military history; to remind passersby that people in military uniforms, in places all over the world, fought to preserve our freedom.

The military heritage display in the Weapon Systems Directorate, building 5308, second floor, has only begun to take shape with a few reminders of American soldiers in combat.

"The purpose of the display is to preserve the military heritage that exists in the Weapon Systems Directorate and throughout the community here at Redstone," Al Rose, management analyst in the business office at WSD, said. Rose is a three-time Vietnam veteran who serves as chairman for the display.

"I have some Chieu Hoi passes that I will be bringing for the display," Rose said. "Chieu Hoi passes were little pieces of paper

dropped in enemy territory from our planes for the enemy soldiers to pick up and bring with them when they surrendered, since most of them didn't speak English. I also have a pass that the enemy tacked to the trees in the jungle for the GIs."

So far, the display consists of a picture of the Vietnam Memorial in Washington, D.C., and a glass-covered wooden display case housing a collection of Vietnam POW pins from every state. Both items were donated by Bruce Johnson, logistics management specialist in the Operations Branch of WSD, and curator of the display.

"We hope to collect mementos, pictures, pins, coins, ID tags—anything from any of the conflicts in American History," said Johnson, who served in the Navy during the Vietnam era. "This wall is dedicated to everyone who has served

in any combat situation in our history."

The idea for the display came from Col. Henry J. Atwood Jr., director of WSD.

"I had this collection of POW pins at home," Johnson said. "It was a nice thing, but I knew if I kept it at home, I was the only one who would appreciate it, so I brought it into work and showed the colonel. He was the one who suggested we use the wall out near the elevators for a military heritage display."

The committee is seeking donations to add to the display.

"People who are willing to donate to the display can get the item back whenever they want," Johnson said. "We won't take ownership, we just want to give them a place to display some of the wonderful items they may have stuck in a box in a closet or garage."

If the response to the display is as good as hoped,



Photo by Sandy Riebeling

REMEMBER— The picture and display case are just the beginning of the WSD Military Heritage Wall, created to remember with pride those who have served their country. Veterans Johnson, left, and Rose are asking for additional items to be donated for the display.

Rose said they will select only one or two items from each person's collection and possibly keep a data base so that if someone removes his item from the display, they have people to call for additional items.

The only restriction of items for the display is ord-

nance devices. Pictures are fine but none of the actual items can be accepted. Everything offered for display must be suitable to mount on the wall.

"The display is to help all of us maintain the memory of people who have served in the military,"

Rose said. "If we forget, or lose sight of their contributions, we lose our structure and our respect for our men and women in uniform both past and present."

For more information about the display or donations, call Rose at 955-6454 or Johnson at 842-7660.

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Training was put to the test in Mogadishu university compound

Command sergeant major learned from Somalia deployment

By Skip Vaughn

Serving in a hostile environment in Somalia left a lasting impression on Redstone's top enlisted soldier.

CSM Roscoe L. Johnson Jr., the post command sergeant major, says he learned the importance of training for war. He was command sergeant major for the 46th Forward Support Battalion at the university compound in Mogadishu, Somalia from August 1993 until January 1994.

In a humanitarian mission turned violent, the soldiers were under constant attack from rocket propelled grenades, mortars and small-arms weaponry. Two days before Johnson arrived, a member of the battalion was wounded by shrapnel from a rocket propelled grenade. Fortunately, there were no additional casualties in his 180-member battalion.

"At first it was hard to accept that the same people you were trying to help were the same people who were shooting at you," Johnson said. "It made me realize how important training is.... The harder you train in peacetime, the

easier it'll be during war."

That's one of his goals at Redstone: ensuring that soldiers get the training they need. He arrived Dec. 15 from Schofield Barracks, Hawaii, where he served as command sergeant major for the 45th Corps Support Group (Forward) from 1997-98.

Johnson, 48, is originally from Cleveland, Tenn. He was the youngest of seven children of Roscoe and Lenora Johnson, both deceased. His oldest brother, Bill, was a soldier killed in the Korean War in 1950. Johnson graduated from Cleveland High School in 1968, and completed West Kentucky State Vocational Technical School in Paducah, Ky., in 1970. He got drafted in December 1970 and served until November 1972. Johnson rejoined the Army in November 1974.

He returned to the Army for two reasons, he said. "First, where would I be in my hometown in 20 years vs. where would I be in the military in 20 years? Second reason, I missed the military family."

During his 26-year career Johnson has served in Alaska, Germany twice, the Sinai-Egypt, Fort

Bragg, N.C., Fort Bliss, Texas, Lafayette, Ind., Fort Drum, N.Y., and Schofield Barracks. Besides Somalia, he served in Haiti from September 1994 to February 1995.

His wife, SFC Shelia Johnson, is a member of the 832nd Ordnance Battalion who completed the instructor training course at Ordnance Missile and Munitions Center and School. Johnson has a son, Roscoe III, 26, a high school teacher in Waynesboro, Va.; and a daughter, Tamika, 25, an assistant production manager for a television station in Raleigh, N.C.

In his spare time, Johnson enjoys playing golf and doing yardwork. He had



Photo by Skip Vaughn

OFFICE WORK— Johnson goes over paperwork with his secretary, Shirlee Turpen.

visited Redstone twice but this is his first tour here.

"Team Redstone and the community have opened

their arms up to accept me and my wife," he said.

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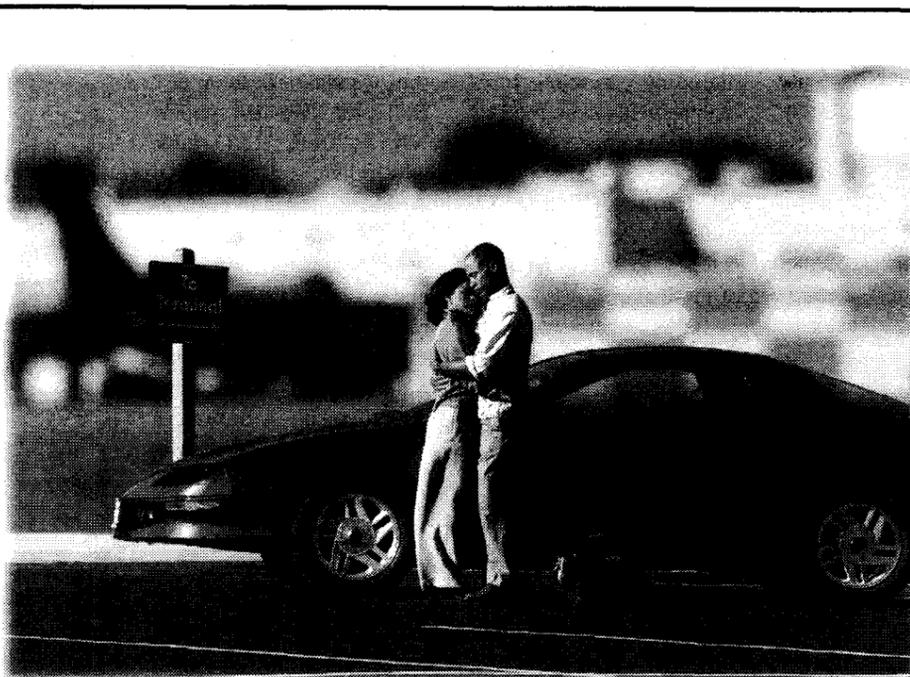
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Passing test...

Calibration lab earns certification from team

By John Allen

When a team of auditors recently poured over the procedures and quality system of the Army's premier measurement laboratory for ISO-9000 certification, they found no major discrepancies.

"This is great," Bob DuBois, director of Test Measurement and Diagnostic Equipment Activity, said. "This cost us a lot of money, because we had to pay the auditors, and it cost us a lot of time. But now we've got something that no other lab in DoD has. This validates that we're the best, and puts us in good standing if we should someday become a commercial operation."

The Primary Standards Lab (APSL) is the Army's National Bureau of Standards. It is the Army's center of excellence in the field of metrology, the science of measurement.

"We measure every parameter," said John Ball, chief of the Physical Standards Lab, and acting director of APSL. "Whether it is electrical, optical, mechanical, acoustics, liquid and gas flow, thermodynamics, ionizing radiation, fiber-optics, aerosols, microwave, or whatever, we can do it. But our work is generally limited to only the highest caliber of measurements."

A complete listing of the services available at APSL

can be found on the Internet at <http://tmdehome.redstone.army.mil> (click on "APSL").

Ball, speaking for his staff, said, "We're very proud of the auditors' findings, and we're very proud of our ISO-9002 standing. Our 100 employees here worked hard to achieve this international standard of quality. As far as I can determine, we are the first AMCOM organization to achieve ISO-9000 registration.

"Our personnel suffered through detailed examinations on their training, their methods, the equipment used, their understanding of the program, their calibration procedures, uncertainty analysis, and other technical matters. The auditors were experts in their fields, including former high-ranking officials in the U.S. and Canadian national metrology laboratories. Yet, our people all demonstrated their technical competency to the satisfaction of these auditors."

Ball's sentiments were shared by Larry Tarr, chief of the Electrical Standards Lab. "I believe our lab is a real national asset, second to none in the U.S. Government, that Team Redstone can be proud of. Many of the things we do, and the services we provide, are not found anywhere else in the DoD. Our accreditation and ISO 9002 registration

demonstrate in no uncertain terms our commitment to providing world-class metrology services to our ultimate customer: the soldier."

Pat Kuykendall, chief of the Radiation Standards and Dosimetry Lab, and Tarr alternate with Ball in the acting director's slot, following the recent departure on medical leave of APSL director, Dr. Jim Jones.

The Army has 70 calibration labs around the world that are supported by the Standards Lab here. Additionally, there are 12 regional labs with specialized testing missions that are also supported.

"We support every measurement or testing need the Army has, including every weapons system and the Apache helicopter," Ball said. "We also support NASA, DoE, R&D labs, and other services. All APSL measurements are legally valid, traceable and, now, registered, certified and accredited. The accuracy and performance of every missile, radio, radar, munition, gas mask, and aircraft in the Army traces back to the measurement laboratories of the APSL and to our technicians, engineers, scientists, and support staff."

Ball said that Jones, former head of the lab, is due a lot of credit for initiating the ISO-9000 effort. "Dr.

Jones recognized that U.S. Army depots around the world have international customers, who in turn have a need to deal with an army that was using internationally recognized standards," he said. "Also, many of our customers, including NASA, are now ISO-9000 certified.

"But the benefits work both ways. ISO-9000 standards make us produce a better product."

The Primary Standards Lab was already working under stringent standards before ISO-9000 came along. Then, and now, it still embraces the ISO-Guide-25 Standards, a very stringent set of requirements, that uses a team of technical experts as auditors.

"ISO-Guide-25 lacked some of the management standards that ISO-9000 has," Ball said.

Tarr called this a team effort spanning many months. "It required a huge commitment by all of our employees, who are the

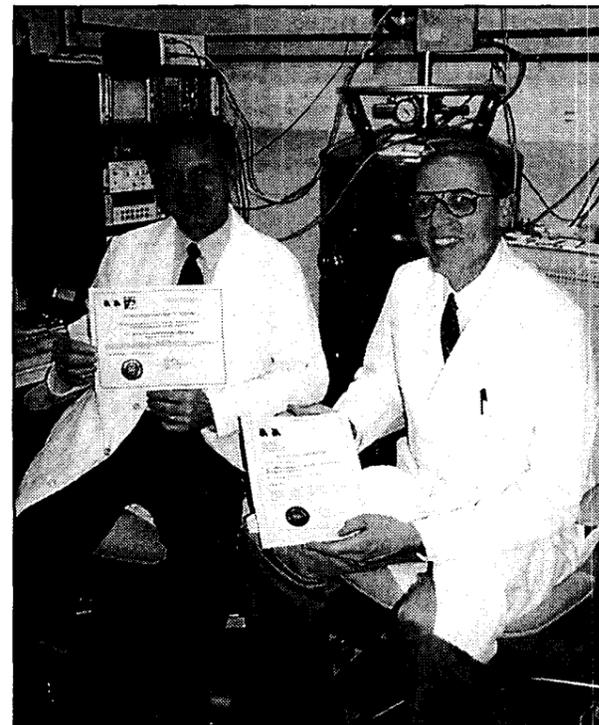


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ACCREDITATION— Ball, left, and Tarr display their ISO-9000 certification and the American Association for Laboratory Accreditation certificate. Behind them is the Josephson Array, the Army's precision voltage standard, which is one of only two or three in the U.S. government.

best in the business. Our new Quality Policy says it all: 'We are committed to providing our customers with services that are accurate, delivered on time, traceable to national standards, better than expected, and continuously improv-

ing." Ball added, "Every APSL employee actively contributed to this accomplishment. We always knew we were a world-class primary standards laboratory, and now we have proved it."

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By Emerson McAfee

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The symposium has been hosted each year (since 1993) by the Logistics Support Activity (LOGSA) and was joined by the International Society of Logistics (SOLE), Tennessee Valley Chapter, as co-host in 1996. The theme for this year's symposium

is "Revitalizing Integrated Logistics Support" and all submissions for presentation should be in support of this theme. They should describe the following methods of: reducing the cost of ownership, reducing time to field systems, increasing operational capability, or increasing supportability. This year's symposium will be held June 8-10 at the Sparkman Auditorium.

All industry and government personnel are invited to submit an abstract and summary for a proposed briefing that you would like to present at this symposium. The abstract should be 50-75 words and describe a best practice or lessons learned by your organization, in line with the directions of the above paragraph. If selected for presentation, your abstract will be placed on-line for prospective attendees to review. The summary should be 300-400 words long and should describe your presentation. The summary will be used by the board for selection of

presentations to be used at this symposium.

We will also need a short, biographical sketch, your e-mail address, and telephone number. If selected for presentation, we will fax you a release form to be signed by May 17. This is required by the Public Affairs Office at Redstone Arsenal.

Send all papers to arrive by April 16 to one of the following: Commander, Logistics Support Activity, Attn: AMXLS-AL (Emerson

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Selected presentations must be provided on floppy disk, compact disk, or other compatible disk and mailed to McAfee at the above address, to arrive by May 14. All presentations will be loaded to the symposium computer for electronic presentation.

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agenda for the symposium after all summaries and abstracts have been received and selected for presentation. General notification, preregistration, and hotel accommodation information will be released March 12.

New for this symposium will be the availability to set up a booth to demonstrate your products or systems in support of your presentation. More information will be provided later as we determine our capabilities in this area. Those

interested in setting up a booth can contact McAfee at the aforementioned addresses.

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(Editor's note: McAfee is a logistics management specialist in the Acquisition Logistics Center, LOGSA.)

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Army lands first safety-enhanced Kiowa Warrior helicopter



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ON THE RECORD— John Murphy, president of Bell Helicopter, gives the enhanced Kiowa Warrior's records to Marine Col. Barney Grimes, commander of DCMC Bell. DCMC stands for Defense Contract Management Command.

The new and improved Kiowa Warrior should be safer than its predecessor.

On Jan. 5, the Army took delivery of its first Safety Enhancement Program (SEP) OH-58D "Kiowa Warrior" from Bell Helicopter Textron of Fort Worth, Texas.

"When we get out of production retrofit which we're doing right now, finishing up, this is a major upgrade of the aircraft," Lt. Col. Jim Weger, product manager for Scout Attack Helicopters, said. "Which

means when we get finished with the upgrade, all the aircraft will have the same configuration, all will have upgrade of the engines (with Full Authority Digital Engine Control), mission processors, crash-worthy seats, and cockpit air bags."

The safety-enhanced helicopter includes four modifications: energy attenuating seats, improved master controller processor unit, improved data modem, and FADEC-equipped engine.

Lot I of the SEP Program consists of 28 aircraft,

inducted from units throughout the Army. Some 310 Kiowa Warriors will benefit from the enhancements by year 2006.

Scout Attack Helicopters is under the deputy for systems acquisition at the Aviation and Missile Command.

TEAM

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to and between facilities for most people, and it will get more administrative functions further away from the testing operations on south post.

Besides the shrinking Operations and Maintenance, Army (OMA) budget, another force is also

driving Operation Smaller Footprint. Army Regulation 405-70 specifically limits an organization's administrative space to no more than an average of 130 net square feet per person. As employees have departed, some organizations have spread out far beyond this maximum limit.

The Directorate of Public Works has drawn the task of implementing this

consolidation. Carol Meekins of the Sparkman Management Office and Sandra Hodges of the Installation Management Division will be personally surveying your work areas from now until early April.

Meekins has already proven that she has the workers' best interests at heart during her tenure at Sparkman. She and Hodges are sure to take this same philosophy with them into this ambitious undertaking of

improving quality-of-life while operating efficiently for Team Redstone.

(Editor's note: Archibald is team leader of the AMCOM Energy Team. He works for the Directorate of Public Works.)

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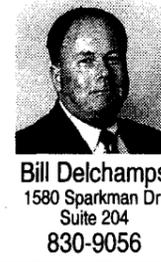
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Friends helping... Resident starts over after losing possessions

By John Allen

This was to be Gail Travis' first-ever Christmas alone. She is divorced, and the second of her two sons had just gotten married and moved out.

It was early evening of a cold Dec. 22 when Travis lit her stove, then went into the living room to watch the weather news on television. But to her horror, the stove had caught the house on fire.

"The Park City Volunteer Fire Department did what they could," Travis said, "but their objective is not to save someone's property, but to contain the fire. Only the outer rock walls are still standing."

Travis' 3-BR home, which was located south of Fayetteville, just across the

Alabama state line, was insured, as were the contents.

The only good that came from this is that she had not bought her Christmas presents yet. She had been waiting for that free four-hour window of time off from work, which would have been the next day.

After the fire, Travis stayed with her oldest son for the first week. But now she is living in an unfurnished duplex until she can get situated.

"Everybody has been so nice to me," Travis said, "even people I don't know."

Travis is a secretary in the configuration management division of the Close Combat Anti-Armor Weapon Systems Project Office. An electronic mail memo has been circulated



Photo by John Allen

REMNANTS— Travis' only surviving photographs of her mother and grandmother were in her office. All other family photographs were lost when her house burned three days before Christmas.

by friends of Travis, soliciting household items for her. The memo says that Travis needs "everything." Persons who would like to help should call 876-8448 or 842-0372.

Travis said that she is saddest about the loss of irreplaceable family items: "My baby pictures; my grandmother's locket; my doll collection, including one from my very own 10th

Christmas; a photograph of me and my boys with Roy Rogers; my grandparent's pictures; and my hand-me-down quilts— they're all gone. How do you replace such things?" Travis shrugged.

U.S. strikes twice in no-fly zone vs. Iraq

By Linda Kozaryn

WASHINGTON— U.S. air forces patrolling the northern no-fly zone struck Iraqi missile sites in two separate incidents Jan. 14.

In the first confrontation, a U.S. Air Force F-16CJ fired a high-speed anti-radiation missile at an Iraqi surface-to-air missile and anti-aircraft artillery system.

In the second incident, a U.S. F-15E launched a precision-guided missile at an Iraqi surface-to-air system.

In both instances, the pilots felt threatened by the Iraqi sites and took appropriate action, said Navy Capt. Mike Doubleday, a DoD spokesman. "The indicators that a pilot gets of the location of these sites is from radar illuminations," he said.

Defense officials are trying to confirm initial reports that the Iraqi sites fired upon the U.S. planes, Doubleday said. "We don't have any firm indicators at this point, but there is some question and we want to look into that," he said.

Defense officials also received reports of artillery fire, he added. Coalition aircraft fly above the range of the anti-aircraft artillery, Doubleday noted.

There was no damage to U.S. aircraft during either incident. (American Forces Press Service)

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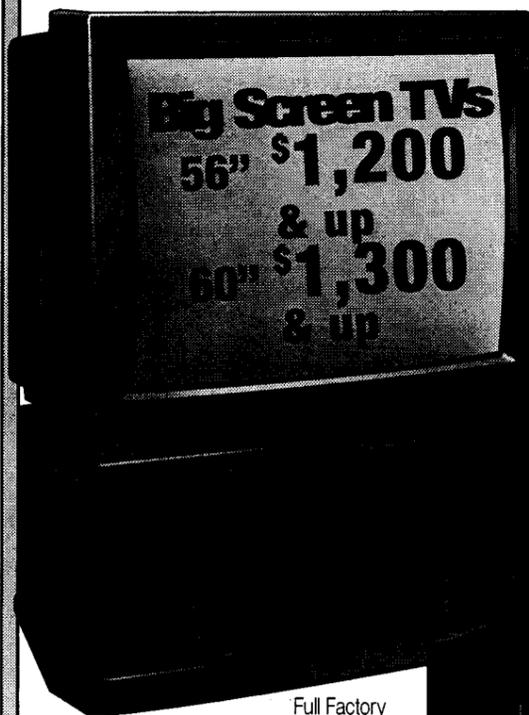
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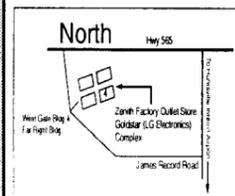
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Ancestor established Ditto's Landing...

Descendent of pioneer settler toils as computer specialist

By John Allen

When Gen. Andrew Jackson and his army were headed for the Battle of New Orleans in 1813, they crossed the Tennessee River at Ditto's Landing—just 10 miles south of what later became Huntsville. The Landing, and ferry, had been established only a few short years.

In 1802, just one year short of his 60th birthday, James Ditto left South Carolina, perhaps because his wife had died, perhaps bringing along some of his eight children, and maybe some of their families, looking for a new life. Upon arriving in this area, he built a lean-to shelter against the bluff of what is known today as Huntsville's Big Spring, predating James Hunt's cabin there by three years. He later decided to move southward to the "great bend" in the Hogohegee River (later, the Tennessee River) to an old Indian town called Chickasaw Old Field where he establish an Indian trading post. The year was sometime between 1802 and 1804.

From that inauspicious beginning nearly 200 years

ago, James Ditto's descendants are still among us today. One of them is Ralph Garrison, a computer specialist in the Corporate Information Center.

"James Ditto was my great, great, great, great-grandfather, and he was the first white man to live among and trade with the Indians in this area," Garrison said. "It has been very gratifying for me during my genealogical research to discover that my ancestral heritage has such a long history in Huntsville and the beautiful Tennessee Valley.

"During my childhood, my grandmother told me I was related to James Ditto. But at the time, I assumed he was just a distant relative. But when I began doing my family genealogy about one year ago, I discovered that I am a direct descendent of Ditto."

Garrison's mother, Mamie Hornbuckle, worked at the Huntsville Arsenal on the ammunition assembly line during World War II. His father, Waymon Garrison, who took part in both the Invasion of Normandy and the Battle of the Bulge, also worked at the Huntsville Arsenal upon his return

from the war. **Ditto's Ferry**

In 1807 Ditto built a ferry from a flatboat to carry settlers across the Tennessee River. It was a gunwale-type boat propelled by sweep oars. A replica of this boat can be seen in Huntsville's new Early Works Museum. Many of Gen. Jackson's men, who had crossed here in 1813, recognized the potential of the land and returned to settle here following the war.

An old Indian trail led from "Huntsville," crossing the river at Ditto's Landing to Mud Town on the Cahaba River. In 1815, Davy Crockett traveled this trail and used Ditto's ferry.

Ditto kept a boatyard, too, where he built flat litter-type keel boats and canoes for use over the Shoals. He looked to the river for profit, as well as the pleasures of river-folk camaraderie, and the challenge of river boating.

As the settlement of what would eventually become Huntsville grew, Ditto's Landing became the central point of the area's transportation network.

Practically all supplies were shipped down the Tennessee River from further north and put off at Ditto's Landing, about 10 miles south of the Huntsville settlement. From there they were carried by wagons and pack mules along the "Road to Ditto's Landing" (Whitesburg Drive). Also, cotton grown in the area was shipped to New Orleans from there.

Early map

In 1817-18 a survey was made and a map was published (called the Melish survey map). Ditto's settlement was indicated on that map on the Tennessee River. It was the first landing between Chattanooga and Muscle Shoals, making it the first one in this area.

In 1985, the Huntsville-Madison County Historical Society placed a historical marker at Ditto's Landing and the former old river port town of Whitesburg (founded 1824). The marker states that the town of Whitesburg no longer exists. However, there is a boating marina and an outdoor camping and recre-

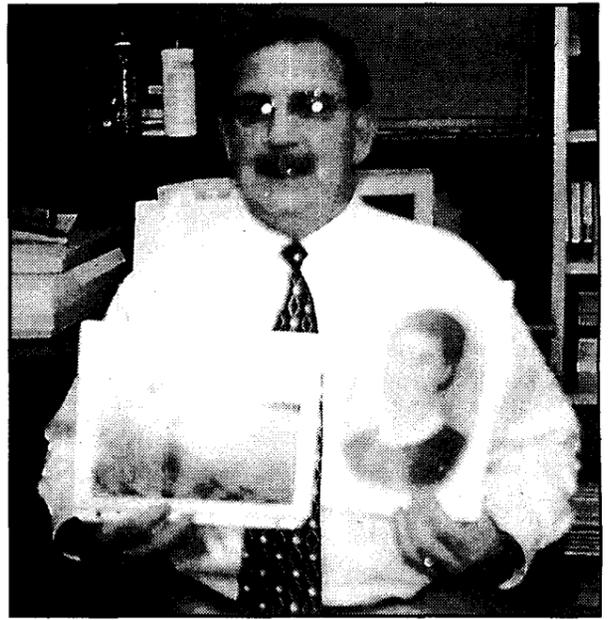


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OLD PHOTOS— Garrison, descendent of James Ditto, holds two old photographs: the left one is of Ditto's Landing in years past; the other one is of James Ditto's great-granddaughter, Mary Jane Ditto Hughes, who is Garrison's great-grandmother.

ational park at this former site, which still bears the name, "Ditto's Landing," after the first Indian trader and pioneer in this part of the country.

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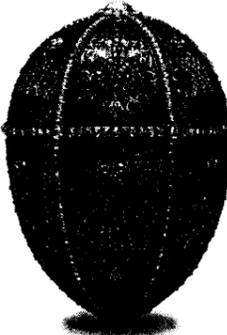
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By Sandy Riebeling

Madonna Buckner has always loved jewelry, but it wasn't until a trip to Jamaica three years ago that she'd ever considered designing her own pieces.

"I saw all these wonderfully colorful beads and designs using semi-precious stones like Black Onyx, Tiger Onyx, Jade, Hematite, Negril," said Buckner, an item manager in the Integrated Material Management Center. "When I came home, I started reading about the stones and how to make jewelry — the differences between 14 karat gold and 14 karat gold filled. I read everything I could find and then I made my first piece."

At the mention of her first creation, her fingers automatically smooth the gold beads on the necklace she is wearing, the first of her "masterpieces." She is proud of her work. Each

piece she designs is a challenge and source of joy at the same time. She takes her hobby very seriously. Perhaps that is why she has clients across America wearing her designs.

"I create quality pieces to suit my customer's needs," Buckner said. "Sometimes there's a specific stone they are interested in or they need something special to match one of their outfits. I can do that. And I guarantee my work."

Buckner has a catalog of her jewelry designs which include necklaces, bracelets, anklets, rings and earrings for women, men and children. As a special service, Buckner sizes the bracelets and anklets to fit each customer.

Before designing a custom piece of jewelry, Buckner sits down with her clients, explains the properties of each stone, sometimes even including a little

history about the stone.

"Explaining the difference between 14 karat gold and 14 karat gold filled is one of the hardest things to do," Buckner said. "Many people shy away from gold filled but I think it's because they don't understand the difference. There are some things I wouldn't recommend using gold for because it's too soft— it's not durable enough for what they want."

The difference, according to Buckner, is that gold-filled pieces use two sheets of gold and one sheet of base metal, melted together then formed into its finished shape. The base metal adds strength which prevents denting and scratching that occurs more easily with pure gold. Gold filled jewelry maintains its luster throughout the years without tarnishing and is cleaned just as gold jewelry would be.

"Many people hear gold



Photo by Sandy Riebeling

ONE-OF-A-KIND— Buckner says it takes from 15 minutes to an hour to decide on a design for a new piece of jewelry. Most of her pieces are custom made to suit a particular client's need.

filled and think it means gold plated, which means metal is dipped in gold," Buckner said. "Gold plated jewelry will tarnish. I don't use any gold plated materials. I use either gold or gold filled."

Buckner spends anywhere from 15 minutes to more than an hour just to create the design for a piece of jewelry.

"Sometimes my mother

and my son help with the designing," she said. "Then it takes about an hour to string if it's a necklace; a See **JEWELRY** on page 14

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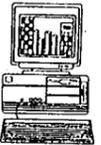
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Defense Deputy Hamre: Y2K won't stop your federal pay

By Jim Garamone

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The Year 2000 problem, nicknamed "Y2K" and "millennium bug," refers to the computer industry's past practice of using the last two digits of years rather than all four — 1999 would be written "99." Old hardware and software are widely used and no one really knows what they'll do on Jan. 1, 2000 — they might treat "00" as "1900." Government and industry are scrambling for "compliance" — assurance their systems will handle the year change correctly.

Hamre said all DoD pay systems are already Y2K-compliant, and DoD will continue to test the systems in March and April to ensure they will work.

"It's more complicated than just, 'Will our computers properly calculate pay?'" Hamre said. "We have to get electrons over to the Treasury Department. The Treasury Department has to pass on those electrons to the banks. The banks have to spread it out all over. We have something like 800 banks we do business with on a day-to-day basis."

He said DoD is working with all concerned to make sure pay will continue to flow.

He said personnel and medical computer systems are also Y2K-compliant.

Hamre said the Defense Department will be able to defend the United States and its vital interests in 2000 despite the millennium bug. He stood by his characterization from last October that DoD's Y2K problem will be more a "nuisance" than a crisis.

"We will have about 94 percent of our systems fixed as of the end of March, and we absolutely will have 100 percent done by the end of the year," he said. As of Jan. 1, he noted, 1,673 of DoD's 2,304 mission-critical systems had been fixed.

Hamre said Defense Secretary William S. Cohen energized the unified commands by declaring Y2K a "warfighter problem" and directing them to fix their mission-critical systems.

Hamre said the North American Aerospace Defense Command in Colorado Springs, Colo., for instance, tested the aerospace-warning segment of its systems in December. The tests were robust and covered all the dates that system analysts believe might cause problems, he said.

"They found there was no degradation in any of the systems, whether they were in

the virtual Year 2000 environment or in the 1998 environment," said Army Lt. Col. Warren Patterson, a Joint Staff Year 2000 official. "Systems operated as they should as far as the data going into one end and out the other, within the prescribed time-frame. [It was] accurate, unambiguous, clean data. We are highly confident at this point that NORAD can do its early-warning mission."

The Atlantic, Southern, Strategic, Transportation and Space commands will run Y2K tests in February. Pacific Command will begin tests in March. Central and European commands and U.S. Forces, Korea, will begin testing in April.

Commands will test both primary and backup computer systems, Hamre said.

He said DoD is working with NATO allies on millennium bug problems. DoD has been in contact with 30 to 40 countries, including Russia. He said Y2K doesn't seem so urgent to the Russians — "They have other problems." Still, the United States and Russia will cooperate on building a shared early warning center. Hamre said a DoD delegation will go to Russia to finalize plans for the center.

He said he's "comfortable" that Russia has positive control over its nuclear weapons. "The [computer] default for failure is not to launch," he said. "The default freezes things up. So we're not anxious that there are going to be accidental occurrences as a result of Y2K for nuclear command and control systems."

DoD also will participate in U.S. consequence support planning. The Federal Emergency Management Agency will probably be the lead element, Hamre said. DoD will set up its own Y2K command center and participate in Y2K operations in December; there is no plan now, however, to mobilize the Guard or active duty service members for Y2K operations.

"We're not going to know the extent to which and how we should best support the civil sector until we go through some planning," Hamre said. "People shouldn't be anxious about that. We will be ready to support whatever has to happen, but we're not going to know the dimension of that yet for another couple of weeks. Nobody's going to lose their Christmas, I don't believe, worrying about that problem."

Hamre said the U.S. telecommunications system is in good shape, as is the power grid. "Will we have spot outages? Probably," he said. "But we'll be able to handle them." (American Forces Press Service)

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little less if it's a bracelet."

Stringing the jewelry is Buckner's least favorite part of the jewelry business. She uses gold chain or flex wire, depending on the design, and does it all by hand, not even using a needle to thread the beads.

"I've had customers tell me how much they love the piece and ask me not to use the design for anyone else,

because I designed it for them," Buckner said. "If they ask me not to, I won't."

Besides showing her jewelry in catalogs, Buckner goes to craft shows, has private parties and offers displays in two Huntsville businesses.

"I have my jewelry at First Impressions Styling Salon and World Class Barbers and Styling," Buckner said. "Prices range from \$15.98 and up for bracelets and \$18.95 and up for necklaces. Of course, the price

depends a lot on what types of materials I use. Some things cost more than others."

Although it sounds like a business, Buckner wants to keep it as a hobby.

"It's an expensive hobby, but I really enjoy doing it—especially the creative part," she said. "And there's nothing more satisfying than to see someone put on their jewelry for the first time and love it. That is what it's all about."

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With constrained budgets...

DoD needs more base cuts, White House security official says

By Jim Garamone

WASHINGTON— DoD continues to need two more rounds of base closures, said Robert Bell, special assistant to the president for national security affairs.

Bell said Congress needs to approve a system to conduct two more rounds of base closures beginning in fiscal 2001. "We need new authority [to conduct closures] — in fact, our budget projections assume that we'll win approval of that," Bell said at a Jan. 5 White House press conference. He said lawmakers will be hard-pressed to ignore a source of up to \$3 billion a year in a time of constrained budgets.

"We hope that the Congress will accept the proposal this year and give us the [base closure] authority," Bell said. "One of the reasons I think we have a better chance this year is that we're working under the constraints of a balanced budget agreement. And those on the Hill that would say, let's provide more for defense, more even than the president discussed, have to come up with the dollars in the context of the total federal budget."

Defense Secretary William S. Cohen and Army Gen. Henry Shelton, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, have repeatedly called for two new rounds of base closures. They say reductions in infrastructure have

not kept pace with reductions in personnel or weaponry.

In April 1998, Cohen said in a news conference that DoD has 23 percent more capacity than the force size needs. "In the Navy, we have 46 percent fewer ships today than we had in 1989," he said. "Yet berthing, which includes pier space and equipment, dropped only 18 percent."

In the Air Force, there are 53 percent fewer planes than in 1989, yet apron space dropped only 35 percent, he said.

Bell did not say how many more bases need to close. He estimated, however, infrastructure cuts overall are lagging about 10 percent behind reductions in defense

spending and personnel.

Base closures and realignments are also at the center of the Defense Reform Initiative. They're key, said William Houley, Cohen's reform initiative special assistant, in an October 1998 interview.

"[The] savings we get from [base realignments and closures] would dwarf what we generate from all other [defense reform initiative] programs," Houley said. "Congress can set whatever rules they want, but we have to reduce infrastructure." (American Forces Press Service)

USERS

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work continues in Hawthorne, Calif.

"We're still actively working and building units for the ATACMS flights we've been having. We've got like two more flights," Pastizzo said. He participated in a walk-through Friday of building 7347 which will become the final assembly building. The other participants included John Miller and Orville Dothage, both of Northrop Grumman; and John Green of Directorate of Public Works.

Boeing will become a new tenant of the Thiokol south area. The company will be doing production work on a national missile defense system. About five of its nine buildings are igloos for storage. Negotiations are under way to try to have the Boeing site in operation by the middle of this year, according to Schwerman.

The Redstone Technical Test Center has started using many of the buildings in the Thiokol north area. The Security Assistance Management Directorate is another new occupant. Foreign liaison officers that support SAMD moved into building 7611 along with some of the directorate's aviation workers from St. Louis.

In the south Thiokol area, the older plant, a new user is the Missile and Space

Intelligence Center. MSIC wanted to expand its facilities for research and analysis of foreign missile systems. "So basically we provided that south Thiokol to them," Schwerman said.

About 60 of the excess buildings in the former Thiokol areas were demolished last year.

The Army is looking for a contractor or government agency to occupy a large administrative building, 7649, which formerly served as the Thiokol plant's headquarters.

Thiokol closed its plant as a cost-cutting measure in the summer of 1996 after producing solid rocket motors for the government there ever since the late 1940s. At its peak, the facility employed from 1,200 to 1,500 people.

Efforts are under way in the Thiokol areas, and elsewhere on post, to reduce the command's base operations budget requirements and the number of buildings. The commander's program to reduce the number of buildings is called "Operation Smaller Footprint."

The real estate part of the installation management office is involved in ongoing actions which are not limited to the former Thiokol areas.

"It's a way to make better use (of facilities) and also ensures that Redstone stays an enduring installation," Schwerman said.

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MLRS Project Office for 20 years and headed the production activity within the office. He was responsible for the timely production of the MLRS basic rocket which was produced in massive quantities over a 12-year period in the 1980s and '90s. He was instrumental in the development, production and ultimate fielding of the MLRS training rocket used by active-duty and National Guard units.

He and his wife of 25 years, Margaret or "Peg," lived in Decatur. They had a son, Kell, and daughter, Kathy.

Ryland tearfully completed his message to the younger generation and watched the remaining introductions and speeches by the retirees. He participated in the receiving line for sharing personal congratulations from all those present.

Much of the line had passed. Then the unthinkable happened.

Ryland collapsed onto the floor. Someone called for help; and an ambulance took Ryland to Huntsville Hospital. What should have been a happy occasion, a time for celebrating careers of public service, had turned into a tragic event.

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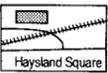
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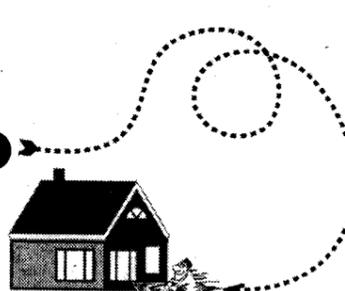
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The Army awarded a \$76 million contract to The Boeing Company in May 1997 to perform engineering and manufacturing development to convert two CH-47D helicopters to the "F" configuration. Boeing also will manage initial flight tests, evaluate system improvements and prepare for follow-on production.

The Army's ICH Program eventually plans to modify at least 302 CH-47D helicopters.

Boeing, following testing, validation and verification, will deliver these first two pre-production prototype CH-47F Chi-

nooks in 2003. At full production, the ICH Program is expected to complete 26 modernized Chinooks each year through 2013.

Modifications include fuselage "tuning" to reduce the effects of flight vibrations on other aircraft systems, installation of a processor to permit eventual digital integration of the Chinook's flight controls and cockpit management systems, and repair and replacement of aircraft structures and systems as needed.

Under a separately funded program, Allied Signal will upgrade Chinook engines to the new T55-GA-714 standard. These new engines will provide increased lift and better fuel economy. Rockwell Collins of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, will develop the aircraft's cockpit management system.



Boeing photo

LANDING— Lt. Col. Tim Crosby, Improved Cargo Helicopter product manager, greets Lt. Col. Tony Bell, Defense Contract Management Command, Ridley Park, Pa., following flight

from Fort Rucker. The CH-47D Chinook that Crosby flew in will emerge from the Boeing facility as an ICH, CH-47F Chinook.

Redstone's Troop 308 Boy Scout joins brother with Eagle rank

A Boy Scout Eagle ceremony at Redstone was a real family affair for the participants.

Paul Halupka, son of retired Maj. and Mrs. C.W. Halupka, received his Eagle award Dec. 27 at the Recreation Center. Paul's older brother, 2nd Lt. Nick Halupka, a previous Troop 308 Eagle, and his younger brother, Peter, a Webelos Scout, assisted in the ceremony.

Paul, 13, who serves as the assistant patrol leader, earned 28 merit badges. Less than 2 percent of all Scouts achieve Eagle with the national average attainment age being 16.

His other achievements include induction into the Order of the Arrow Kaskanampo Lodge, completion of Junior Leadership Training, and earning the World Conservation Award.

Paul's Eagle project encompassed the identification and labeling of 30



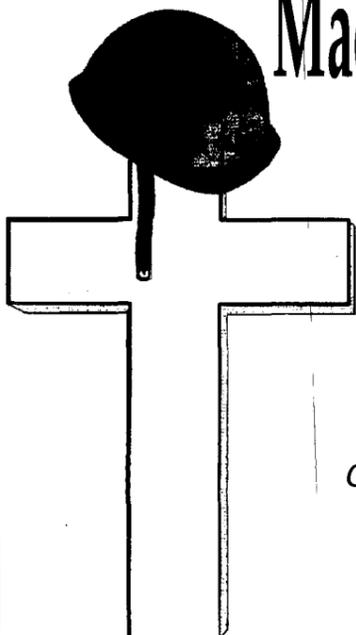
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PAUL HALUPKA

plants later marked via post mounted signs, which he engraved, affixed and installed along the Path to Nature. Paul said he wishes to thank Susan Weber of the natural and cultural resources division of Directorate of Environmental Management, the Recreation Center, fellow Scouts and adult leaders who assisted him along the way.

A freshman at Sparkman High School and nine-year veteran of AYSO soccer, Paul also enjoys art, computers and cycling. He plans to join Explorers and attend college.

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Hurricane relief...

Denton Program moves U.S. donations by ton to Honduras

By Jeff Troth

SOTO CANO AIR BASE, Honduras—Churches and companies throughout America were readying to send food and supplies to Central America in November even before Hurricane Mitch's floodwaters receded. But how to get it there?

Atlanta had 200,000 pounds of food ready. Savannah donations included 50,000 pounds of sugar. A company in South Carolina offered 30,000 pounds of pasta a day. Their calls and others regarding donations went to Joint Relief International-Denton Operations at Pope Air Force Base, N.C.

The nonprofit contractor finds ways to move the civilian donations through military channels — primarily by airlift, but whatever it takes, said spokeswoman Audra Murray. The relief group coordinates U.S. Transportation Command's Denton program, which allows the military to transport the civilian humanitarian donations worldwide on a space-available basis.

Transportation is one of the biggest expenses organizations face when trying to ship goods, Murray said. Flying donations from the United States to Central America could easily cost several thousands of dollars. That's money groups either don't have or would rather spend on more donations, she said.

Through the 1985 Denton Amendment, named after U.S. Sen. Jeremiah A. Denton

of Alabama, the Air Force has shipped millions of pounds of humanitarian aid worldwide at no cost to the donors. The departments of Defense and State and U.S. Agency for International Development jointly administer the program.

Denton operations originally relied on unused cargo space on U.S. aircraft flying into Central America, but they've since expanded to include most areas of the world. Prior to Hurricane Mitch, the program last year moved more than 2.5 million pounds of goods to 38 countries, including nearly all those in Central and South America, and Kenya, Mongolia, Armenia, South Africa and the Philippines.

In the first 10 weeks following the November hurricane, Central America alone received more than 4 million tons of donations through Denton program shipments.

"When the hurricane hit we had civilians all across the United States calling who wanted to donate hundreds of thousands of pounds of aid," Murray said. The large number of donations, in fact, overwhelmed the available military transport space to move them, she noted.

"Calls were coming in from all over the country. Officials at Piggly Wiggly, a grocery store in South Carolina, said, 'Here's two tractor-trailers, fill them with your choice,'" Murray added. "In New York City, 3,000 taxi cab drivers placed boxes in

their cabs and collected food, clothing and other items. Those are the kinds of things that were happening and still are."

The Denton Program is very successful at getting supplies and food to those who need it, said Marine Maj. Anthony McGinty, Joint Task Force-Bravo deputy J-5 here. "Instead of the stuff going to a big warehouse and sitting for a week while someone decides what to do with it, the food, medicine and clothes go directly to nongovernmental organizations, and they distribute the stuff.

"Many of the organizations have been in the country for years, so they know who needs what," McGinty added. "They already have a network in place to distribute the donated aid."

Murray, in Honduras to help assess operations, said she goes out and sees where food and supplies go after they leave the air base. In the Honduran capital of Tegucigalpa, for instance, she visited the local Rotary Club's emergency operations center.

"A Rotary Club in Rhode Island organized a huge food and medicine drive and sent donations through the Denton program to the Rotary Club in Tegucigalpa," she said. Wives, Boy Scouts and other volunteers gathered at the club to sort, pack and prepare goods for transport to other Honduran Rotary Clubs.

"I asked the Rotarians how many people they had fed and they couldn't answer me. The stack of paper with the names of all those who've received assistance is about an inch and a half thick, and each piece of paper had at a minimum of 220 families on it," Murray said. "It's been an incredible thing to watch. It's really something to see the generosity and goodwill of U.S. citizens." (Special to the American Forces Press Service)

Editor's note: SSgt. Troth of the 49th Public Affairs Detachment (Airborne), Fort Bragg, N.C., is assigned to the U.S. military relief effort in Honduras.

Secretary Cohen raps North Korea, lauds Asia security ties with U.S.

By Douglas Gillert

TOKYO—Defense Secretary William S. Cohen reacted sharply to North Korea's demand for payment in order to open a suspected nuclear site.

"The North Koreans have said they want \$300 million for just the right to look," Cohen said during a Jan. 12 speech to hundreds of service men and women at nearby Yokota Air Base. "That is a pretty expensive peek. What we are saying is we are not in the business of giving you permission. What we need to have is some verification."

North Korea's demand for payment follows U.S., Japanese and South Korean demands to inspect an underground construction site that could house nuclear facilities. If so, the site would violate an earlier agreement to discontinue production of weapons-grade plutonium in exchange for oil and other assistance. If such a plant is under construction, Cohen said, it could threaten the agreement and heighten tensions on the Korean Peninsula.

The secretary was here to meet U.S. troops and Japanese political and military leaders. The visit coincided with a national debate on how much support Japan

should give to the roughly 45,000 U.S. servicemembers based here and what, if any, expansion is proper for Japanese Self-Defense Force participation in U.N. and regional peacekeeping operations. The two nations' leaders also planned to discuss ways to deal with the increasing threat posed by North Korea's missile program.

Cohen lauded the U.S. servicemembers at Yokota and, later in the day, Misawa Air Base, for their sacrifices and service to their country. His promise of better pay and retirement benefits drew loud applause at both locations.

"Thank you for being here. Thank you for being here on duty all the time," Cohen said at Yokota. "If we don't have you, we can't maintain the power that we are," he said, urging members not to abandon military service for more lucrative and stable civilian jobs. But in return for staying, "We do owe you a quality of life," he added.

The secretary said President Clinton's promise to increase the defense budget over the next couple of years would mean higher pay raises and a return to a pre-1986 retirement system that provides 50-percent of base pay after 20 years' service. He also outlined his

plan for targeting specific groups — senior noncommissioned officers and middle-grade officers — for higher pay raises based on performance.

He said U.S. servicemembers based in the Asia-Pacific region are particularly worthy of better benefits, because "2 billion people, from San Diego to Seoul, depend on you."

Perhaps most surprised by Cohen's visit was Air Force Staff Sgt. Melia Bethea, who stood quietly on guard before the dais until the secretary stepped down to present her with technical sergeant stripes. "I can't breathe," she said, in shock, but smiling broadly.

Cohen also gave servicemembers time to ask questions of him and U.S. Ambassador to Japan Tom Foley, who accompanied him to both bases.

Cohen planned to address the importance of the U.S.-Japan mutual security pact and host-nation agreement during Jan. 13 and 14 talks with Japanese leaders. He said he's particularly concerned with Japan's willingness to maintain its host-nation agreement, one of the strongest DoD has with foreign nations where U.S. troops serve.

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Health Matters

Body fat screening

The Public Health and Education Center at Fox Army Health Center will offer Body Composition Screening from 9-11:30 a.m. Jan. 22 at the Fitness Center, building 3705. Please wear loose fitting, short sleeve shirts to make the measurement easier. Body composition measurement utilizes a bioelectrical impedance machine that measures total water content and calculates the proportion of lean tissue to body fat. For more information, call the Public Health and Education Center 842-0196.

Weight control

Fox Army Health Center is registering military beneficiary participants for the weight control program, "A Lifetime of Weight Control and Fitness." Unlike diet programs that typically fail and make us "fatter," this program has proven success. It is a nutrition education program as well as a weight control program. Be advised, you will not lose weight quickly. Instead, you will begin making permanent, realistic changes in your eating and exercise habits—changes that will become a natural part of your lifestyle. Past participants have rated the program as excellent. The 13-week program will be on Tuesdays, from noon to 1:30 p.m. beginning Jan. 26. Call the Public Health and Education Center 842-0196 to register or obtain further information.

Stress management

Join the Public Health and Education Center for "Dealing with the January blahs!" from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Thursday at building 3447. For more information call Pat Johnson of PHEC, Fox Army Health Center, 842-0142.

Wellness programs

A lecture on "Overweight vs. Overfat" will be held from 11-noon Jan. 28 at building 5301, room 1148. A lecture on "Firm that Fat" will be held 11-noon Feb. 9 at the same location. These presentations are open to everyone. For more information, call the Wellness Center 955-6844.

Miscellaneous

Thrift savings

The Thrift Savings Plan (TSP) open season continues until 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.

Merit awards

The Officer and Civilian Women's Club

will present one or more Merit Awards to eligible graduating high school seniors who plan to attend an accredited college or vocational school and to undergraduate or graduate students who are presently enrolled in a college and working toward a degree. Applicants must be family members of active duty, retired, reserve, or deceased commissioned or warrant officers. All applicants must submit a photocopy of a valid military identification card. Their primary residence must be with parents or parent residing in the Huntsville area. Students on fully paid scholarships or who have previously received this award are not eligible to apply. Merit Award applications are also available for spouses of active duty, retired, reserve, or deceased commissioned or warrant officers who have been accepted or are presently attending an accredited college or university as an undergraduate or graduate student. All applicants must hold a valid military identification card and their primary residence must be in the Huntsville area. Previous recipients of this award are not eligible to apply. The deadline to apply for Merit Awards is March 8. Applications can be obtained by written request to Linda Butler, Merit Awards chairman, 49 Ripley Drive, Redstone Arsenal 35808. Please include your phone number and the type of Merit Award you are applying for (i.e. high school, college, or spouse) on all requests.

Drill sergeants

The 832nd Ordnance Battalion will hold a competition Feb. 4 to select a drill sergeant to represent Redstone at Fort Monroe, Va., in the fiscal 1999 Drill Sergeant of the Year competition. This is the first stage in sending a winner to the final competition at the Training and Doctrine Command at Fort Monroe. A luncheon will be held 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Feb. 10 to honor Redstone's representative. For more information, call MSgt. Battle 955-6555 or CSM Rogers 876-6608.

OCWC donations

The Officer and Civilian Women's Club is accepting requests from organizations seeking financial assistance. Written requests should outline the groups' programs, reasons for requesting help, how funds will be used, and whether other groups or organizations have been solicited for the same donations. Mail correspondence to RSA OCWC Welfare Chair, P.O. Box 8110, Redstone Arsenal, Ala., 35808. The letters must be postmarked by March 1. The awards will be presented in early May.

Workplace survival

On March 24-25, the American Society of Military Comptrollers will hold its 1999 Mini PDI Seminar titled "Humor: The Ultimate Workplace Survival Skill." The seminar leader for the two one-day sessions is Mary Fisher. Participants will attend only one day of training. Sessions will be held at the Sparkman Auditorium. Bus transportation to and from lunch at Trinity Methodist Church will be provided by ASMC. Cost of the seminar is \$60 for ASMC members, \$85 for non-members. Training request forms should be prepared in the automated TIP system. Organizations should coordinate with credit holder for payment to ASMC. To reserve a space, call Terry Whiteford 842-9978 or Jennie Gardner 876-2131. Attendees outside the AMCOM community should send remittance to ASMC, P.O. Box 8154, Redstone Arsenal, Ala., 35808.

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Transition workshop

The Military Personnel Office, in conjunction with the Alabama Employment Services Office, will hold a Transition Assistance Program (TAP) workshop Jan. 26-28 for transitioning military personnel and their authorized family members. This workshop will run from 8:30 a.m. through 4:30 p.m. each day and will be oriented toward resume preparation, employment orientation, and those actions you must take prior to separation/retirement from the service. There will be presentations from Tricare, Army Education Services, Defense Finance and Accounting Service, Army Transportation, Transition Point and the Office of Personnel Management. In addition, the local representative from the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs and the Alabama Department of Veterans Affairs will present briefings on VA disability and other subjects. It is mandatory that all military personnel who are separating from service within the next 180 days attend this presentation unless they have attended a previous TAP. Seating is limited and prior scheduling is required. To schedule attendance, call Lewis Spencer 842-2417 or 876-1671.

Prayer breakfast

The January Non-Denominational Prayer Breakfast, sponsored by IMMC, will be held at 7 a.m. Jan. 26 in the Sparkman Center, building 5309, room 9128 (conference room at east end of Sparkman Center Food Court). This month's program is to feature Mike Ivey, director of the Corporate Information Center. No food or drinks will be served, but

you may bring your own if you wish. Everyone is welcome and invited to attend. For more information, call Ronnie Davis 313-1624.

Boy Scout project

During January, all quarters' occupants will have the opportunity to participate in a Boy Scout Eagle project to collect potentially hazardous household materials. The project is to collect potentially hazardous household wastes—like paints, batteries, drain cleaners, etc.—from quarters' occupants. On Jan. 9, a group of Boy Scouts and their leaders visited Redstone Arsenal quarters to distribute a letter and brochure explaining the project. On Saturday, the Scouts will return to collect the materials from the quarters. This project is being coordinated with both the Madison County Health Department and the City of Huntsville. For safety, adults from the city's Solid Waste Disposal Authority will accompany the Boy Scouts who are from Redstone Arsenal's Troop 308. Quarters' occupants are encouraged to participate in helping make Redstone Arsenal a safer place to live.

Civilian welfare

The Civilian Welfare Fund Council has tickets for the 7

p.m. Feb. 7 performance of "Smokey Joe's Cafe" at the Von Braun Center. Tickets are \$33 each, and CWFC has 30 available. Money is due by Friday. Make checks payable to Broadway Theater League. For more information, call Mary Ann 313-1698.... CWFC is sponsoring a bus trip to Asheville, N.C., Feb. 12-15. The bus will leave from Redstone at 3 p.m. Feb. 12 and return Feb. 15 at 7 p.m. Cost is \$185 per person based on double occupancy. This includes bus, three nights in hotel, admission to the Biltmore Estate, and visits to the Cherokee Reservation Casinos, and snacks/beverages provided by the CWFC. The council will have a few optional excursions which can be purchased in advance (these are not specified at this time). Full payment is due by Jan. 28. For more information, call Mary Ann 313-1698. The council needs 40 people in order for the trip to take place.

Women vocalists

Huntsville Heritage Chorus/Sweet Adelines International is offering free group vocal lessons. Class will be held from 7-9:30 p.m. Jan. 26 at Madison Christian Church, 1400 Hughes Road in Madison. Any women interested in learning about four-part harmony, barbershop style, are invited. For more information, call Sherry Lamar 881-8704.

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Parents council

The Redstone Arsenal Parent Advisory Council will hold its monthly meeting at 11 a.m. Jan 26 at the Bicentennial Chapel. "Bring your lunch and join us," a prepared release said. All patrons with children in CDS programs are invited.

Church celebration

St. Joseph Catholic Church, 2300 Beasley Ave. in north-west Huntsville, will hold Black History Month programs Feb. 6-7. For more information, call Stephanna Miles-Williams at 852-9052 (night) or 876-4242 (work).

Astronomical society

The Von Braun Astronomical Society will hold a program on "Gamma Ray Bursts" at 7:30 p.m. Saturday at the planetarium in Monte Sano State Park. Scheduled speaker is Dr. Elizabeth Newton, a physicist from Marshall Space Flight Center. For more information, call 539-0316 or Mitzi Adams 464-0945.

Handbell festival

Some 150 handbell ringers from area churches will participate in a public concert at 1 p.m. Feb. 13 at the North Hall, Von Braun Center. Tennessee Valley Handbell Association is sponsoring this free event featuring Hart Morris, a conductor from Tulsa, Okla.

Education committee

The Army Community Service (ACS) Education Committee will meet at noon Jan. 27 at ACS, building 3491. It is helpful to call in advance concerning problem areas that need to be put on the agenda. Any parent interested in the educational needs of their child is invited to attend. This meeting is open to everyone. For more information, call Virginia Dempsey 876-5397.

Retired officers

The Retired Officers Association will meet at 11 a.m. Jan.

27 at the Redstone Arsenal Club. The program will be election and installation of chapter officers for 1999-2000. The installation is to be conducted by retired Lt. Gen. Ellis "Don" Parker. For more information, call retired Capt. Albert Castelli 859-1340.

Florida Tech

Florida Institute of Technology will hold courses leading to a Master of Science degree in Computer Information Systems beginning in May in building 5304. For more information, visit FIT's administrative office in room 4326 or call 876-1581.

NCO graduation

The NCO Academy will hold a graduation ceremony for the Basic Noncommissioned Course at 9 a.m. Jan. 29 in the graduation hall of building 3329. The public is invited. For more information, call 955-7954.

Photography group

Huntsville Photographic Society will hold its first monthly photograph competition for this year at 7 p.m. Jan. 25 in the auditorium of the Huntsville Public Library, 915 Monroe St. This month's competition subject is "odd angles." Visitors are welcome; there is no charge, but only members

may compete.

Financial workshop

You're invited to a complimentary box luncheon from 11-noon Jan. 26 in building 5301, room 1148. Topics of discussion will include IRAs, Investing, Capital Gains rates, and Underpayment of estimated tax penalty. To register call the Redstone Arsenal Wellness Center 955-6844 or email at wellnesscenter@foh.dhhs.gov.

Admin professionals

"Pathways to Professional Excellence" Seminar and Workshop, sponsored by the Redstone Arsenal Chapter of International Association of Administrative Professionals, IAAP, (formerly PSI) will be held Feb. 23 at the Huntsville Hilton. The morning keynote speaker Dr. Jerry Patterson will present "From Blundering Bedlam to Bridges of Brightness." The afternoon workshops consist of "Why Can't We Be Friends"; "Time Management: Finding Balance in Your Life"; "Presentations: Connecting with Your Audience"; "Microsoft Office: Tricks of the Trade"; "The Eleven Commandments of Wildly Successful Women"; "Gaining Control of Stress in Your Life"; "Stretching Your

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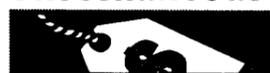
'89 Catalina 25 Sailboat. 150 genoa w/roller furl, bimini, OB, head, microwave, exc. cond., freshwater only. \$11,000. 883-4118.

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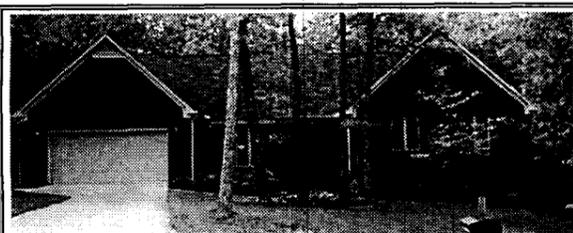
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