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Acquisition workers' move to Sparkman complex eyed

Step considered in Operation Smaller Footprint to save money

By Skip Vaughn

Forty-three years ago, building 4488 opened as the Army's main facility at Redstone Arsenal. But that era is gone.

Budget realities, and the need to reduce the number of buildings for a downsized work force, have caused the Army to consider consolidations. A plan is being considered to move everyone out of 4488 and into the more modern and efficient Sparkman Center.

This is part of the first phase of Operation Smaller Footprint, the command group's plan to eliminate the Army's older buildings on post.

"Step 1 of the plan is to maximize the most efficient facility we have on the installation which is the Sparkman complex," Col. Steven Hamilton, the deputy post commander, said.

The more than 600 workers in building 4488, the Acquisition Center, are planned to move into the Sparkman Center by December. There are currently about 450

empty spaces in the complex. Ninety more spaces will be created by completing the unfinished basement in building 5308. Fifty workers currently in the complex will move elsewhere to free up the remaining spaces needed.

The 642 workers who will move into the Sparkman Center include about 20 acquisition people in building 7109 which will also close. Building 4488— which includes the small business office and the competition management office — will be emptied but kept on standby for possible future use.

"I am personally excited because it gives us an opportunity to reorganize our center to provide us a whole lot more flexibility in terms of service to our customers," Col. Jim Hornaday, associate director of the Acquisition Center, said. "In terms of structure, it'll give us a flexibility quite frankly we've never had. So it'll be a very positive thing for us."

It costs about \$900,000 annually to keep building 4488 occupied compared to \$100,000 per year to maintain the facility on standby.



The move should pay for itself in 15 months considering the \$1.1 million cost— including the 5308 basement completion — and the \$800,000 in savings, according to

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In 27th year...

Art auction features original works for variety of tastes Saturday

By Jim Bowne

"I don't know anything about art, but I know what I like." How many times have we all heard this statement or, perhaps, said it ourselves? The truth is, we all probably know more about art than we give ourselves credit for.

For those interested in learning even more about fine art, however, the Officer and Civilian Women's Club is holding its 27th art exhibit and auction Saturday evening at the Redstone Arsenal Club.

And, for the 11th straight year, the club's auction committee selected the services of the Perry Berns Gallery, based in Dallas, Texas.

This exhibit and art auction is traditionally the women's club biggest fund-raiser of the year. Proceeds will benefit the Officer and Civilian Women's Club Welfare Fund. The fund supports scholarship and grant programs for Redstone Arsenal and the Huntsville area.

The doors open at 6 p.m. to give patrons time to browse through the collection prior to the auction. The auction begins at 7.

As always, Perry Berns is bringing a variety of fine art from all over the world. His collection will include original oils, watercolors, sculpture, and graphics by internationally famous artists and exciting young new talents as well. Works by internationally known artists such as Neiman, Dali, Chagall, Pena, and Krasnyansky may be included.

All art is beautifully custom framed, guaranteed by written certificate, and is ready to hang in your home or office.

So whether you are an experienced art collector, or a novice, or you just enjoy fine art, the Redstone Arsenal Club is the place to be Saturday evening.



Photo by Skip Vaughn

FINE ART— Teri Holly, left, chairman of the art auction, and Linda Leonard, president of OCWC, discuss a painting by Jane Wooster Scott.

If you have never been to an art auction before and are hesitant about what to do, don't worry. Berns does a good job of putting everyone at ease during the auction. By the third object up for bid, you'll know what to do.

To make things even easier, Berns describes the object that's up for bid, tells interesting facts about the artist, and provides information on past prices paid for the artist's

work. He has been known, also, to sometimes let the work go for less than the bid.

Starting an art collection is exciting and fun. So is adding to it. Of course, you can spend a lot or a little, depending on a number of factors. Most of Berns' pieces go for between \$50 and \$200. Some go for up to \$1,000. It may be a good idea to have in mind the maximum you are willing to spend for a certain work.

There are several other things you may want to keep in mind as well.

First of all, always collect what you like— not what is "the in thing" at the moment. As you continue to build your collection, you will undoubtedly learn more with each purchase. You may discover some of the objects you bought early on just don't "move" you anymore. But that's OK.

It doesn't mean that your early choices weren't good. It just means your knowledge of fine art is growing and you are becoming more selective. Your taste in art is becoming more refined.

Collecting "prints" can sometimes be a problem. If you are unsure of yourself, you should seek help from a reputable dealer like Berns. Be sure that what you are looking at is a fine print and not simply a reproduction. Reproductions of other works of art, no matter how esthetically pleasing, should never be confused with fine prints.

A "fine print" is a multiple-original work of art on paper. The print always comes into direct contact with a stone, plate, wood block, or silk-screen that the artist worked on himself. In many instances, the artist also personally controls the work throughout the entire printing of the edition.

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Letters To The Editor

Black soldiers

African Americans have contributed greatly to the foundation of today's Army. The sacrifices given by African Americans could never be numbered. They overcame numerous obstacles to serve their country, such as slavery, racism and segregation. Many blacks were never recognized; and the stories of some will never be told.

July 30 will be the 50th anniversary of President Truman's executive order to integrate the American armed forces. The executive order was yet another step in the struggle for African Americans to obtain equality in America. Blacks, however, before integration were mighty soldiers in their own right having organized their own black militias.

During the War of 1812, a regiment of free blacks called the Native Guard successfully defended New Orleans against Union invasion. Later, the Native Guard formed the Corps d'Afrique under General Daniel Ullman, after losing the city to Farragut. In 1861 during the Civil War, General Benjamin Butler of New Orleans sent for 20 Colored officers who had enrolled under the Confederate flag and asked free Negroes if they would like to

be organized to be part of the United States Army. The men answered with unanimous chorus "yes." They entered in as the same rank as they were in their black militia group, but black officers were quickly weeded out. It was clear that only white men would serve as combat officers. The War Department later consented to the commissioning of some black officers but only as chaplains and surgeons. In late 1863, General Cleburne drafted a proposal to President Jefferson Davis soliciting the enlistment of southern slaves in return for their freedom. This proposal was promptly rejected, but after many letters from General Lee and War Secretary Benjamin Butler, the Negro Soldier Law was signed in early 1865.

It is obvious that the addition of African American soldiers has definitely impacted the United States armed forces in a powerful way. There are many others who have also paved the way for today's Army. The 54th Massachusetts—the first black regiment to fight for the Union during the Civil War, the Colored Troops Residents in Baltimore in 1890, Buffalo Soldiers, Tuskegee Airmen, 24th Infantry in Korea, and Colin Powell; the list goes on and on.

The "Colored Soldiers of the United States Army" are to be greatly honored and respected for their sacrifices and contributions. Each and every "colored" soldier had to

endure racism, hatred and discrimination in order to serve this country, a right that so many avoid, ignore and take for granted. These are more than enough reasons for all Americans to pay tribute to these extraordinary individuals. In this great country of ours, we should be exceedingly grateful for men of such honor and valor, who served the United States of America with their very lives.

In approximately four months, we will celebrate the 50th anniversary of the integration of blacks in the United States Army. Let all of us take the time to truly acknowledge the great distance we have come as a nation, from segregation to unity, from rejection to acceptance, from war to peace. The strength of this nation does not lie in division, but unity.

In conclusion, there have been many lives lost for this country, of multicolored people. It took the willpower and strength of the nation to come as far as, we the people, have. I guarantee that the color of each and every soldier's blood, who has given their life for the United States of America, was red.

**Spec. Larry Montgomery,
Pvt. Marie Chancellor,
Delta Company, 832nd**

Sounding the alarm...

Sirens on post may mean more than severe weather

By Sandy Riebeling

Do you know what to do when the warning sirens blast at Redstone? With tornado season fast approaching, it's important to understand what the different siren warnings sound like and what to do in case of an emergency.

There are two types of warnings given at Redstone. A five minute steady blast is a natural hazards alert warning siren signal most commonly used for severe weather, with the most likely purpose being a tornado warning. Other warnings included with this type of sound are floods and winter storms. Those who hear the warning sirens should listen for emergency information and immediate action requirements via local radio and television stations or the weather monitoring radios.

"I read that Huntsville, Ala., is listed as the most likely city in the United States to receive a tornado warning or touchdown," said Dwayne Seale, chief, Plans and Operations Office in the Emergency Operation Center. "Our sirens are activated by the Huntsville-Madison County Emergency Management Agency who receives weather reports and warnings from the National Weather Service. When they activate the ones in Huntsville, ours automatically go off because of the close proximity."

The second type of warning sounds for a man-made hazards attack. An attack is possible at any time and could take the form of a nuclear, biological, chemical or terrorist incident. The warning siren is a five minute wavering tone or series of short blasts. If the attack warning sounds, seek shelter indoors and listen for emergency information and immediate action requirements via local radio and television sta-

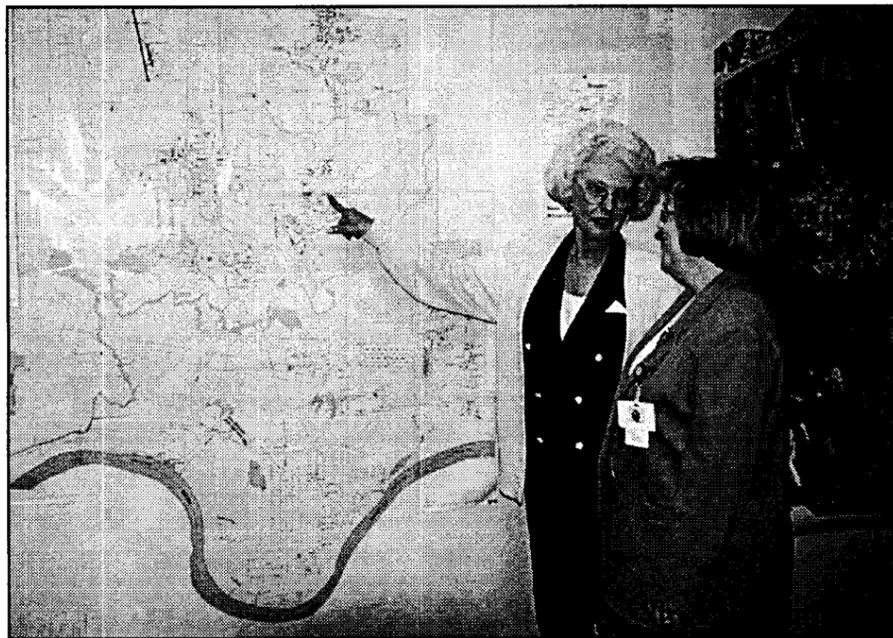


Photo by Sandy Riebeling

TRACKING THE STORM— Emergency Operations Center workers Jarvis, left, and Gaile Callahan use wall maps and weather reports to keep an eye on severe weather in the area.

tions.

The EOC used to send out warnings on all the computer terminals through the CANEWS system but have since changed to e-mail messages sent out to the Redstone community.

Sheila Jarvis, senior mobilizations and operations planning specialist, has spent the last year consolidating 11 separate installation emergency plans into one Emergency Operations Plan.

"We needed one document—the best product possible — so that everyone knows what their responsibilities are," Jarvis said. "Everyone has a job to do. Personnel turbulence makes it difficult to keep everyone aware of their responsibilities.

That's why we have training sessions at least yearly."

Two weeks ago this consolidated plan was exercised by key personnel including the Direction and Control Coordinator Col. Steven Hamilton, the deputy post commander. Other organizations participating in the training were Directorate of Public Works, fire department, Provost Marshal Office, Morale and Welfare and AMCOM's Public Affairs Office, Corporate Information Center, Resource Management and others. It provided the opportunity for answering questions and offering input for possible revisions to the plan.

"This is a living document," Jarvis said. "We have to refine and update it continual-

ly as well as conduct orientation and training. Our goal is to have command post exercises on a yearly basis."

As important as organizational training is, Jarvis points out that safety during an emergency is every individual's responsibility.

"If you wake up in the morning and see that it's cloudy and rainy outside, turn on the TV or the radio and get a weather forecast," she said. "Make sure you stay aware of the conditions throughout the day. Know what to do if the siren goes off and then do it."

Jarvis also emphasizes that parents should have an emergency plan in place well ahead of time, in case children are sent home from school early due to weather advisories.

"Huntsville city schools do not let their children out early when tornado warnings are issued but other schools in the area sometimes release children early," Jarvis said. "Have a plan so that your children know who's going to be there to meet them when the bus drops them off or who will come and get them from school if necessary."

According to the National Weather Service, when a tornado warning is issued, you may have very little time to prepare. Make sure you have a portable radio with good batteries. Seek shelter in the lowest level of your home or building, a basement or storm cellar is best. If there is no basement, go to an inner hallway, a smaller inner room or a closet. Keep away from all windows. Cover your head and eyes with a jacket or blanket to protect against flying debris and broken glass.

If you are outside, try to get inside a

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Using sensors...

Center finds wireless method for gathering helicopter data

ARNOLD AIR FORCE BASE, Tenn.— The Arnold Engineering Development Center has developed a new remote sensor telemetry package to test Army helicopters that is cheaper to produce and more effective than the current method.

The new system, developed from wind tunnel telemetry test technology, costs less and should provide better in-flight data on helicopter rotor heads than the hard-wired system currently in use. A ground-run test of the AEDC Modular Telemetry Package using a Blackhawk UH-60 helicopter produced results that satisfied both the Army Aviation Technical Test Center (ATTC), Fort Rucker, Ala., and AEDC.

Sponsored by ATTC and performed at Fort Rucker, the test examined the system's ability as an alternate means of gathering in-flight data from a helicopter's rotor head by observing the operational capacity of the telemetry package in the aircraft's environment.

According to ATTC instrumentation engineer Mike Mando, slip rings are used on the rotor head to transfer data off the rotors, but this method can produce additional noise, and installation of the slip rings to the test aircraft are costly. A custom, helicopter main rotor slip-ring instrumentation installation can cost \$200,000. This is about what ATTC has invested with AEDC to get four each custom designed, general purpose use, systems.

Until now, the Army acquired in-flight data from aircraft using sensors connected by wires through the slip rings to a data acquisitions system. Through word-of-mouth, the ATTC learned of a modular telemetry package complete with wireless transfer of sensor data developed and produced at AEDC.

A second-generation prototype developed from the Generic Telemetry Unit, a three-component data acquisition system also designed and built at AEDC, the telemetry package was customized and improved to accommodate the Army's requirements. Both systems use integrated circuit technology to gather test data in areas where sensors wired directly to the recording system either would be costly or physically impossible.

A similar test was performed in September 1997 on the

first-generation prototype. Based on this experience, the AEDC team incorporated the Army's requirements along with other improvements to create the modular telemetry package. It is a miniaturized on-board digital data acquisition and control telemetry package tailored for the in-flight environment and data needs of the Army Aviation Technical Test Center.

According to AEDC test team member Calvin Banks, the similarities between the first- and second-generation system include the three component structures— the transmitter, the receiver and the control PC.

Both use AEDC-developed software to program and control the transmitter's operation, but the modular telemetry package has an additional radio frequency link providing continuous control over the transmitter's gain, offset and balance adjustments. This up link to the transmitter operates at 916 MHz. Both use a downlink at 2 GHz to transmit sensor data. Both receivers are capable of storing five minutes of data and are also AEDC-developed software controlled. The earlier generic telemetry unit possesses 16-channels while the new AEDC modular telemetry package has 32. On both systems, wiring between the sensors and the airborne data acquisition system is non-existent. Instead, the information is transferred as a digital bit stream using

PCM/FM radio frequency modulation. The only required wiring is between the sensors and the transmitter unit.

Banks said one considerable improvement in the modular telemetry package is in the size of the electronics.

"The actual transmitter electronics were reduced by about 40 percent," he said.

Benefits of the modular telemetry package over conventional data collection methods are its ease of use, ease of installation and local digitization of the data, which improves data accuracy through noise reduction.

Satisfied with the performance of the AEDC telemetry package, ATTC contracted with AEDC to produce four more systems. AEDC is the world's most diverse complex of aerospace test facilities. Since it opened in 1951, its engineers, technicians, craftsmen and support workers have been involved in the development of nearly all U.S. military high-performance jets, long-range missiles and space systems. The center's propulsion test cells, aerodynamic and propulsion wind tunnels, space chambers and ballistic ranges can simulate virtually every aspect of flight from ground level to deep space. Ground testing before flight reduces risks, saves lives, equipment, and money in operational testing. (Arnold Engineering Development Center release)

Child care services will stay in-house

Army civilian personnel have won a five-year, \$12.7 million, contract to perform child development services here, officials announced from the Redstone Arsenal Support Activity.

The announcement Thursday followed a detailed cost comparison analysis to determine whether to keep RASA's child development service functions in-house or to contract out for the work. The analysis concluded that the government personnel could perform the work more economically than the commercial bidder. As a result, 65 Army civilians will continue to perform services at the Child Development Center.

Similar cost comparison studies are under way for services such as Redstone Arsenal base operations; mail distribution; data processing; materiel management of the T-53 engine; multiple functions within the Corporate Information Center such as visual information, administrative support and records keeping; and test, measurement and diagnostic functions here and around the world.

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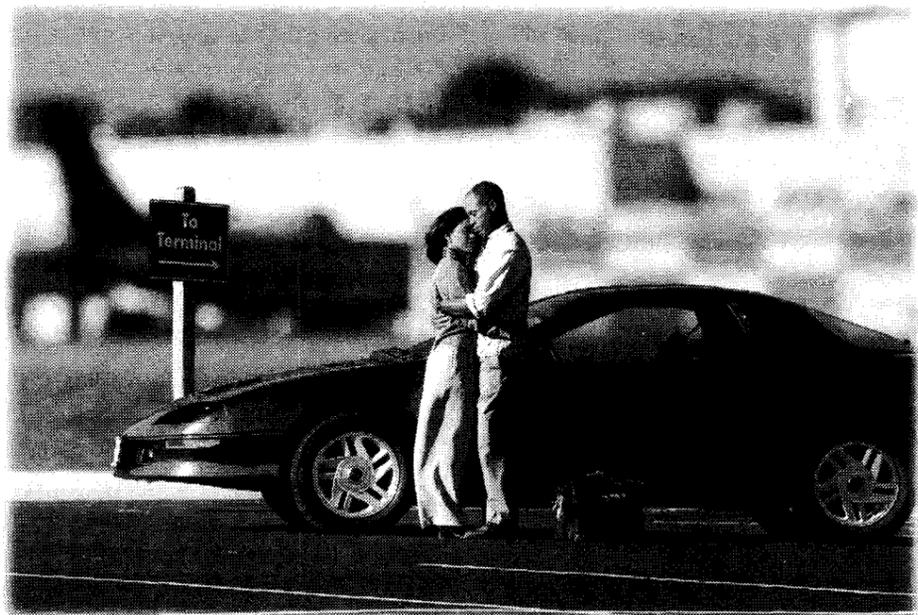
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Weekend duty...

Reserve unit has worldwide computer help-desk mission

By Skip Vaughn

An Army Reserve unit in Huntsville wages war on computer problems during its monthly duty.

The U.S. Army Reserve Installation Processing Center is one of five detachments that provide help-desk support each weekend for defense computer users. Each unit takes its turn meeting this worldwide mission.

The local detachment works out of the Regional Support Activity, formerly called the Defense Megacenter, at building 5201.

"We have a mission to support the Joint Service Support Center at the Pentagon," Reserve CWO 4 Robert C. Smith, the detachment commander, said. The 16 reservists are trained as information systems operators—military occupational specialty 74B.

"In general terms, we monitor activity on a worldwide basis that's ultimately given to the Joint Chiefs of Staff at the Pentagon," Smith said.

The detachments report to the Defense Information Systems Agency, Arlington, Va., which manages computer operations for the military services. DISA and Forces

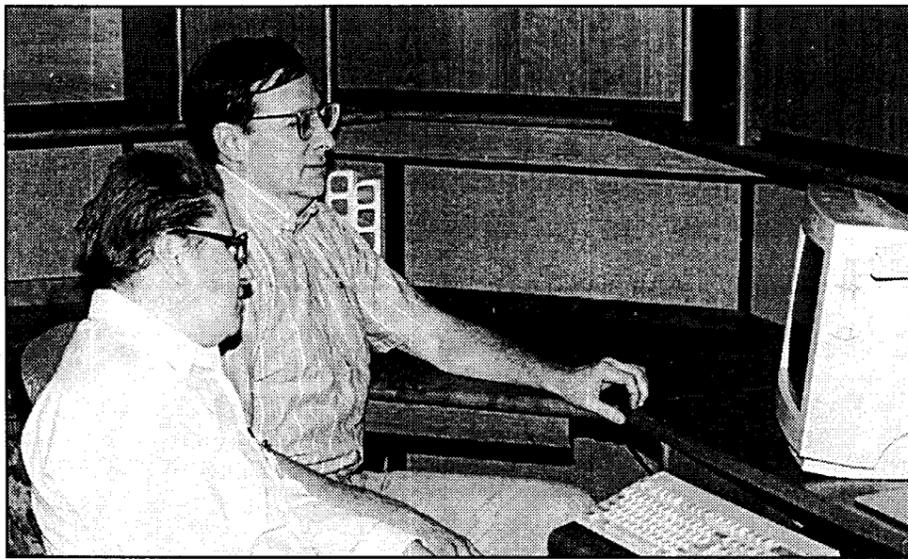


Photo by Skip Vaughn

COMPUTER HELP— Smith, left, and Vartan review plans on a computer terminal. They wear Army Reserve uniforms when on duty at the Regional Support Activity.

Command chartered the five units in September 1994.

The other units are located in St. Louis, Mo., Rock Island, Ill., Arlington, and the Pentagon. "Each detachment takes a weekend and they fill in for the staff at the Pentagon who are working during the five-day

a week period," Smith said.

Huntsville's unit received its new mission, to provide help-desk support defensewide, about a year ago. Previously the reservists filled in key positions at the megacenter.

"We are like a help desk that supports

the Joint Chiefs of Staff in the military networks," Reserve Sgt. Charles Vartan, who works at Security Assistance Management Directorate, said. "People can be calling in from any part of the world with computer-related problems."

A ribbon-cutting ceremony to dedicate the new mission—and the ongoing partnership between agencies—will be held Friday morning at building 5201. Participants are to include Fred Bright, director of Regional Support Activity; Barbara Cannon, vice commander of the Joint Service Support Center at the Pentagon; and Reserve CWO 4 Dan Earhart, operations officer at the detachment headquarters in Arlington.

The 14 men and two women in the local unit receive training as information systems operations at a 17-week school at Fort Gordon, Ga.

"It encompasses skills in networking, telecommunications, database administration, and programming," Smith, who works at Logistics Support Activity, said. He arrived from Chambersburg, Pa., and became the unit commander in December 1995.



Photo by Sandy Riebeling

Renovation...

Building 3497 is one of two barracks getting a complete overhaul. Bill Harbert Construction is just beginning the \$2.7 million project.

West Point seeks candidates as cadets and staff

West Point Military Academy is recruiting the best qualified soldiers, non-commissioned officers, and qualified officers to become cadets or members of their staff and faculty.

Interested soldiers must be: U.S. citizens; unmarried, with no legal obligations to support dependents; not be 23 years of age prior to July 1 of year entering the U.S. Military

Academy; of high moral character; and have a sincere interest in becoming an Army officer. Capt. Rob Young, the soldier admissions officer, can be reached at DSN 688-5780, commercial (914) 938-5780 or on the Internet at: tr9618@westpoint-ehm2.army.mil.

They are also looking for branch-qualified company grade officers and

noncommissioned officers in the rank of sergeant first class. Noncommissioned officers should have drill sergeant or platoon sergeant experience and 12-15 years of service to be assigned to the staff and faculty as instructors and company tactical NCOs. Selected officers will normally attend advanced civil schooling for up to two years, followed by a three-

year tour at West Point. Those interested in an assignment to U.S. Military Academy can complete a USMA Interest Form on the USMA Adjutant General's home page via the World Wide Web at <http://www.usma.army.mil/adjutantgeneral/> or by writing to: Management Operations Branch, AG Division, West Point, N.Y., 10996-1926.

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ALL CLASS— Members of the Basic NCO class include: front row, from left, Sgt. Linda Berlanga, Sgt. Shawn Bates, Sgt. Chris Patterson, Sgt. Gisele Lawrence and Sgt. Stephanie Matthews. In the back row, from left, are Sgt. Ralph Tabler, Sgt. Sradhananda Dabichan, Sgt. Michael Ballard, SSgt. Howard Jones, Sgt. Rickie Allen, Sgt. Eddie Darrisaw and Sgt. Louis Maxie.

Home builders... NCO Academy classmates use muscle to give needy families a place to live

By Stephanie Matthews

Nothing to do? Nowhere to go? Consider volunteering for the Habitat for Humanities Program.

The NCO Academy, Basic Noncommissioned Officer Course class 1-35-C40-003-99 volunteered on Feb. 6 in the Huntsville community. The class assisted in the flooring insulation and lining of two houses. They found it to be very educational.

This program aids the low-income families in buying their own homes. The homes are strictly built by volunteer workers and prospective buyers. The plumbing and electrical work is contracted out.

To buy a home you must put in an application to get approved. To get approved you must work 100 sweat hours and meet the low-income bracket set by the program. Also, you must presently have a job and been working continuously for at least a year. The houses are not given away; a standard credit check will be done. The buyer's home will begin to be built, upon completion of an additional 200

sweat hours. Building usually takes about 9 to 12 months. Sweat hours are time that you spend in assisting in building homes.

Finally, the mortgage is financed through the program and you must pay a \$500 closing cost. The 20 year mortgage is totally interest free. This organization was established in 1988, and since built 62 homes to date. The class agreed that if this program didn't exist, a lot of low-income families wouldn't get the opportunity to become homeowners.

It's good to lend a helping hand to someone, even if it's just an hour out of your schedule, because you never know when you may need help one day. So, if you can volunteer with an organization such as: Habitat for Humanities, Veteran's Home, Nursing Home, Big Sister/Brother Program, Rescue Mission, or any other volunteer program, do so. Give of yourself and "Help the World Become a Better Tomorrow."

(Editor's note: Sgt. Matthews is a squad leader in class 1-35-C40-003-99 which is due to graduate March 2.)



Photo by Sandy Riebeling

Celebration of diversity...

SFC Alfred Kuhn created this display in the lobby of building 3303 to celebrate Black History Month. "It's important and I wanted to use something more eye-catching that just posters to draw people's attention to the celebration," said Kuhn, a senior instructor at the Ordnance Missile and Munitions Center and School.

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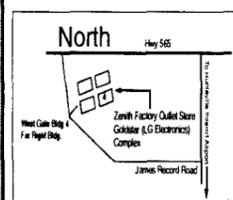
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All consuming...

First they steal your credit card and then take your identity

By Andrew Sinn and Amar Dave

Sgt. Michael York grew up in a little town in Maine. He joined the Army in February 1989. He recalls the days back in his hometown when he went along to the local grocery store with his mother and she paid for everything in cash. Transactions seemed so simple then. Nowadays, York has four credit cards of his own and makes purchases in stores, over the phone, and on the Internet. York enjoys having different payment options.

When York was assigned to Redstone Arsenal in March 1998, he notified all of his creditors of his change of address. York did not know it, but in June 1998, his bank started sending his account statements to an apartment in Miami. York was very busy and did not notice that his July and August statements did not arrive in the mail. He continued to conduct frequent ATM transactions in Huntsville. In early August, an imposter phoned York's bank, spoke with the credit card department, and reported his credit card as lost. The card was a zero balance, low-credit limit card that York had not used in months. When the imposter confirmed the name and social security number, the bank agreed to reissue the card and send it to the same address in Miami.

A few days later, the card credit limit was maxed out. Then, weeks later, the bank responded to another call from the imposter and issued a new gold card, with a high credit limit, sent it to Miami also. That new card was also maxed out by daily ATM withdrawals in only two weeks. Finally, in late September 1998, York received a phone call from the bank demanding payment on the credit cards. The bank still had York's phone numbers, although the mailing address was in Miami.

York was in shock. He demanded faxed copies of the past three months' statements from the bank. Only then did he comprehend the extent of the damage. Over \$20,000 was charged to the credit cards; and \$10,000 of that was withdrawn via ATM transactions. York spent hours wondering and worried.

He was low on money and uncertain about the extent of the fraud. He spent hours on the phone on hold, shifting through voice mail options, waiting to speak to agents at the credit bureaus. Then he waited anxiously for up to 10 days to receive reports from them in the mail. During those 10 days, he had a hard time sleeping, eating or concentrating on his work. His nervousness began to show and he took out his frustrations on his co-workers and family. Finally the credit reports arrived and confirmed the damage.

York would spend hours responding to threatening letters and calls from creditors and collection agencies over the next few months in an effort to straighten out the mess.

While this story is fictional, it is based upon the accounts of actual financial fraud cases. Identity fraud is a

rapidly growing field where criminals use stolen and altered identification documents to commit crimes. Criminals are obtaining critical information on people through many means such as stealing U.S. mail, bribing employees of financial institutions, and sorting through trash.

Emergency steps

If you become a victim of a financial crime, take the following steps to minimize the damages to your money and credit history:

- Immediately contact the fraud units of your credit card companies, the three credit reporting bureaus, and your banking institutions.
- Find the list of creditors/merchants with whom your name has been used fraudulently and report it directly to their fraud units.
- Cancel all your credit cards and get new ones issued. Get new passwords for the new credit cards by calling the toll-free, 24-hour phone numbers for your accounts. Ask how much protection these passwords will provide. Avoid using your mother's maiden name as your password.
- If your checks are stolen, report it to the six major check verification companies (ask your bank for the phone numbers). Then stop payment on all outstanding checks and get new account numbers. If you stop payment on a valid check you wrote, then be sure to contact the creditor/merchant and make alternative payment arrangements.

Preventative steps

The following steps will minimize your risk of becoming a victim of identity fraud:

- Protect your Social Security Number (SSN). Supply it only when necessary, and only give it over the phone when absolutely necessary. Avoid putting it on your checks.
- If possible, request that your employer, financial and educational institutions do not use your SSN for identification. Use a different number for memberships at super-market shopping clubs or gyms.

- Be watchful when filling out all applications asking for your SSN. Ask yourself, "Is my SSN really needed for this?"
- Order your credit report from each of the three major credit bureaus at least once a year and review them carefully for invalid or criminal activity.
- Save credit card receipts— especially for major purchases.
- Carefully review all credit card statements, bank statements, and telephone bills.
- Unless you are making an effort to build a positive credit rating, it is best to cancel, in writing, any zero balance credit cards and other lines of credit that you do not need. Minimize the available credit limit on your cards. You may always request a credit limit raise later if you need it.
- Guard your wallet. Your wallet, if stolen, would command a high price for the information in it. Even if you cancel your driver's license, a person can take this identification to a distant state and attempt to establish accounts there using YOUR identity.
- Shred or burn receipts or statements that contain critical information instead of simply throwing in the trash.
- Internet security is constantly improving, but caution is advised when transacting over the Internet.

General tips

Read, review, and save all records. Use separate calendar and mark in it, in advance, when all statements should be received and all bills are due.

If you don't receive a statement on schedule, then contact the company. Keep separate binders for each account and add the most recent bills and statements upon receipt. Store statements in a secure place. A general rule of thumb is to keep all of your records for at least three years, although there may be advantages to holding certain

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Still serving...

Fox Army Health center had 100,000 patient visits in 1998

By Sandy Riebeling

It's been a little over a year since the transition of Fox Army Community Hospital to Fox Army Health Center and the message from the staff is, "We're still here, we're still open and many of the services have improved over the last year."

The Health Center staffs more than 20 part-time and full-time health care providers that handled 100,000 patient visits in 1998 in a range of services that includes behavioral medicine, family practice, pediatrics, optometry, internal medicine gynecology, and occupational medicine.

In the transition, the hospital closed the Intensive Care Unit, the medical-surgical ward and the Emergency Room.

"It was more than a change in our capabilities," Lt. Col. Mark Miller, deputy commander for administration, said. "We didn't lose one for one. We have reinvested into the Center with a triage advice nurse, an evening and weekend Urgent Care Clinic and the Public Health and Education Center. We still have capabilities for day surgery as well. The ward is being renovated to serve as a customer service center so that all of the non-clinical customer services are all in one place. The Humana and Tricare office near the Troop Medical Clinic will be moving to the new customer service center."

According to Miller, the demand at the Health Center has changed significantly. In

the year before the changeover, the ICU had only one patient every two or three weeks and to have one in-patient on the ward for three days out of a week was "good." Admittedly, closing the ER had an impact on ward patients because many of the admits came from the ER.

"Instead of an ER, we staff the Urgent Care Clinic for evenings and weekends," Col. Jeanette James, deputy commander for patient services, said. "People can call in and talk to a nurse. She can either help them to treat the problem at home, give them an appointment at the clinic or tell them to go to the emergency room downtown. We really want to do what is best for the patient."

Scheduling for patient visits has also changed so that appointments can be made throughout the month rather than waiting until the end of the month. Many of the complaints from patients were that they were on the phone for hours trying to schedule an appointment. There is, however, little time in the schedule left for people who are seen by "space available" appointments.

The transition has been difficult for many patients. Those enrolled in the Tricare Prime program are given priority over those who are not in the program, either by choice not to enroll or because they are not eligible. Military retirees over 65 are covered by Medicaid and aren't given the option of joining the Tricare program.

"I think that many of our patients feel



Photo by Sandy Riebeling

INTERNET INFO— The Public Health and Education Center at Fox Army Health Center is a new benefit which supplies patients with information about health conditions and related issues from Inter-

net sources that have been reviewed by the staff to ensure accuracy of information. Lisa Howard receives assistance with the system from community health nurse Eileen Bailey.

like we abandoned them," James said. "We tried to make the transition as easy as possible for them but many of them just felt more comfortable here than with a doctor downtown."

"We have a lot of space available for services by authorized Health Center users

that aren't in the Tricare Prime program, like lab, X-ray, pharmacy, general surgeries, optometry, behavioral medicine. The way to ensure that we can keep these services is for them to be used. As long as the

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Family establishes fund...

Co-workers and friends remember program analyst

Denise Grisham was more than a co-worker to members of Team Redstone. She was a friend.

Grisham, a program analyst in the Fixed Wing Product Management Office, Deputy for Systems Acquisition, died Jan. 28 from a brain aneurysm. She was 42.

Grisham began her career with TVA in 1978 and transferred to the Army in 1984. During that time, she worked with the Army Engineering District, Vicksburg, Miss., and was hired at the Missile Command in 1986. She held numerous positions at Redstone Arsenal.

During her career, she received many awards including the Superior Civilian Service Award in recognition of her exemplary professionalism, resource management competence, and selfless dedication as a career civil servant. She led in the planning, programming and budgeting activities for the Command Analysis Directorate and Fixed Wing Product Office, Deputy for Systems Acquisition. Grisham created enthusiasm and a positive environment for her co-workers, fostering relationships that held the organizations together and improved their quality.

On Jan. 25 Grisham collapsed at work and was later diagnosed with a brain aneurysm. She died Jan. 28 at



Courtesy photo

NOT FORGOTTEN— Grisham died from a brain aneurysm, three days after collapsing at work.

Huntsville Hospital.

Grisham and her family were active members of the Central Park Baptist Church, Decatur. She was a talented singer and musician and was heavily involved in her community.

Her husband, James E. Grisham; sons, Jay and Ryan; a stepdaughter, Dee Dee Grisham; her mother, Mary Kirk; and a brother, Ray Kirk, survive her. The funeral was held at her church Jan. 30. Hundreds of family members, friends and co-workers attended.

The family wishes to express its appreciation for the cards, flowers, food, prayers and contributions. The family has established a perpetual Denise Grisham Scholarship Fund for Seminary Students through the Central Park Baptist Church.

(Editor's note: This information was provided by Melanie Davis and Tammie Terry, both of Fixed Wing Product Management Office, Deputy for Systems Acquisition; and Cheryl Wise and Marilyn Craig, both of Command Analysis Directorate. They were co-workers and friends of Grisham.)

Under development...

Airborne Laser will knock down enemy ballistic missiles

By Jim Garamone

SEATTLE — It sounds like a Tom Clancy novel.

American troops are in battle against some evil foreign power. The enemy is losing, and in an effort to redress the balance, launches a missile packed with chemical agent.

As the missile boosts from a hidden launcher, sensors in a modified Boeing 747 pick up the telltale signature of the launch. Immediately, the crew aboard the craft springs to action. Sensors and radars locate the missile, charge up a laser and fire. The missile explodes, American service-members lives are spared, and all is well with the world.

But this is not the stuff of fiction. It is becoming reality and defense officials expect to test just such a system against a live missile Sept. 5, 2003. If all goes well, the program could become fully operational around 2007.

The Airborne Laser, designed to defend against the growing threat of theater ballistic missiles, is being built by a consortium of high-technology firms including Boeing, TRW and Lockheed-Martin. The project is expected to cost \$1.1 billion, which includes the cost of two specially mod-

ified 747s. The Airborne Laser is intended to kill ballistic missiles in the boost phase at ranges of up to hundreds of miles.

The aircraft will be autonomous — meaning it will detect, acquire and destroy enemy missiles with the equipment on board. "While we can take cues from outside the aircraft, it is designed to be used alone," said Paul D. Shennum, Boeing vice president for the Airborne Laser program.

A high-energy laser being developed by TRW is at the heart of the program. It is a chemical oxygen iodine laser and has already been tested at 110 percent of the power needed to knock out a rocket. Since the laser will be aboard a plane, TRW is using composite materials, plastics and titanium to reduce the weight.

Firing a laser through the atmosphere from a moving plane to knock out a missile traveling at ballistic speeds is an incredible feat of engineering. Air turbulence distorts lasers. So when firing, computers aboard the aircraft will take into consideration the distortion and focus on the target. The aircraft will have two illumination lasers that will

acquire the target and give information on where the distortion in the air is so the main laser can adjust. Lockheed-Martin is building the illumination lasers.

Lockheed Martin is also building the beam control system and nose-mounted turret. The beam control system processes information on target acquisition and tracking and also handles compensating for atmospheric distortion. Planes bounce around in flight — even something as large as a 747. The beam control system compensates for this. In the nose-mounted turret is a 1.5 meter telescope that focuses the beam.

The Airborne Laser program is just one part of the military's total theater missile defense system. Along with the Army's Patriot 3 system, the Navy's Area-wide defense system and the Army's Theater high-altitude area defense system, the program will help protect U.S. troops from the growing threat of theater ballistic missiles. **(American Forces Press Service)**

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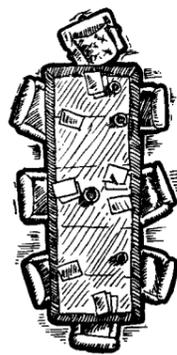
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Black History Month questions answered

What name was given to the period of cultural rebirth that took place in Harlem, New York City?

Answer: The Harlem Renaissance, which emerged after World War I.

The Niagara Movement supported voting rights for African Americans. Who was its most famous founding member?

Answer: W.E.B. DuBois, in 1905. It led to the creation of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People in 1909.

Who was the first African American ever to sit on the U.S. Supreme Court?

Answer: Thurgood Marshall, who served from 1967-91.

Which major league baseball franchise was the first to sign up a black American player?

Answer: The Brooklyn Dodgers. The team signed Jackie Robinson, who played his first big-league game in 1947.

Name the black mathematician who was a surveyor on the team that planned the District of Columbia.

Answer: Benjamin Banneker, in 1790. The 10-mile square was first known as Federal Territory.

Name the two great prizefighters who met in the first heavyweight title bout ever held in Africa.

Answer: Muhammad Ali and George Foreman. They fought in Zaire in 1974. "The Rumble in the Jungle" was won by Ali.

What important botanist came to be known as "the Peanut Man"?

Answer: George Washington Carver, who found 300 products that could be made from peanuts, including printer's ink and a milk substitute.

What world-famous singer and actress was named special adviser to the U.S. Mission to the United Nations?

Answer: Pearl Bailey, in 1975. She was also a recipient of the Presidential Medal of Freedom.

Name the great St. Louis Cardinals' pitcher who helped lead his team to the 1968 World Series.

Answer: Bob Gibson. He struck out 17 batters in a single game in the series against the Detroit Tigers.

What constitutional amendment abolished slavery throughout the United States?

Answer: The Thirteenth Amendment, in 1865. The amendment gave the U.S. Congress the power to enforce the ban through legislation.

(Editor's note: Cynthia Ravenel of MLRS Project Office provided these questions and answers.)

Best buy for the buck...

Contract competition breeds quality at a fair price

By Sandy Riebeling

The Department of the Army does a lot of buying to support the soldier and the Army mission. In FY '98, the Aviation and Missile Command awarded 8,004 contract actions totaling nearly \$5 billion in products and services. The Competition Management Office at AMCOM is responsible for getting a quality product for the taxpayer while ensuring that contractors have every opportunity for a fair shot at meeting the demand.

"Competition Management is involved in every major acquisition at AMCOM," Wade Griffin Jr., competition advocate for CMO, said. "Major means anything over \$500,000. Our reviews are a critical part of the acquisition process."

When an organization needs to procure a product or service, requirements are defined and an acquisition strategy developed. Within this procedure, the requirer includes whether or not the acquisition can be competed among all government qualified contractors or if they need to limit the sources of procurement which is called limited competition or if they have a reason to go only to one contractor called sole source.

AMCOM met its competition goals for FY '98, by awarding 25 percent of the dollars or \$1.1 billion with 52 percent of the 8,004 contract actions going competitive. Among those remaining, the CMO reviewed 402 Justification and Approval packages. This means that program and procurement analysts, logistics management



Photo by Sandy Riebeling

TEAMWORK— The Competition Management Office team is, from left, Dave Mellberg, alternate competition advocate; Pam Wilbanks, procurement analyst; Sharon Blackwell, procurement analyst; Pat

Johnson, program analyst; Griffin, Victor Kerns, general engineer, Rita Mitchell, procurement/product analyst; and Shelley Muhammad, logistics management specialist.

specialist and engineers look over the proposed package and investigate whether the situation truly calls for limited competition or sole source awards.

Sometimes newly approved government sources are available that were not considered by the requirer. Sometimes, requirers are comfortable and satisfied with a contractor's performance and would simply prefer to continue with the same contractor rather than compete the need among the qualified community. It is up to the CMO to investigate the documents and decide if the proper decision concerning competition was made.

Of the 402 J and A packages reviewed by the CMO, 61 were returned for insufficient justification/rework and two were disapproved.

"We try to work with the organizations making the requirements early on, to help them develop a competitive strategy," Rita Mitchell, procurement/product analyst, said.

To assist the requiring element and the contractors interested in filling the need or becoming qualified to be considered for competition Sharon Blackwell, procurement analyst, put together a web page for the CMO which includes projected aviation requirements. Projected missile requirements are listed at a separate address. The web page also provides industry with other information helpful in becoming qualified sources of supply.

"All of the people here in the office work together and share the responsibilities," Griffin said. "We are the fourth largest contracting activity in DoD and the largest in the Army Materiel Command. We won't go with sources that have been remiss in the past with quality and service."

"Competition is good for AMCOM, good for the Army and good for the tax payer. It our job to make sure that contractors produce a quality product for a reasonable price to support the soldier in the field."

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Balkans buildup...

Cohen orders 51 aircraft to bulk NATO's Kosovo muscle

By Jim Garamone and Linda Kozaryn

WASHINGTON— Fifty-one U.S. aircraft will deploy to European staging areas to support possible air operations in Yugoslavia, Defense Secretary William S. Cohen said Feb. 17.

Cohen ordered 12 Air Force F-117 Nighthawk stealth aircraft and 10 Marine Corps and Navy EA-6B Prowlers to move closer to the scene of possible action; the remaining 29 are refueling aircraft. Other Pentagon officials said the air forces will be prepared to move within 48 hours.

Peace talks between the Serbian and ethnic Albanian Kosovar separatist factions continue in Rambouillet, France. NATO officials called for a peace agreement by Feb. 20, after which the alliance might use military force to pressure Serb authorities into resolving the conflict.

NATO issued an activation order last

fall giving Secretary-General Javier Solana the authority to order air strikes against Serb-dominated Yugoslavia if necessary. Solana postponed attacks, but the NATO order is still in effect.

DoD officials called the 51-aircraft deployment a precaution to ensure NATO can conduct operations if they prove necessary. They stressed NATO has made no decision to use force, but noted the United States would provide most of the alliance's strike aircraft. Great Britain, Italy, France and Belgium also would provide air forces and other NATO allies are committed to support roles.

The United States has designated about 260 Air Force, Navy and Marine Corps aircraft and crews to Operation Noble Anvil, the U.S. portion of NATO's air campaign, if one occurs. The U.S. forces would include the USS Enterprise carrier battle group, on station in the Mediterranean, and

standby aircraft in the United States. Cohen said the standby "package" could include B-2s.

U.S. forces "are prepared to carry out the NATO mission in the event [Serb President Slobodan] Milosevic remains an obstacle," Cohen said. The purpose of any strikes, he said, would be to reduce the Serbs' ability to pose a threat.

White House spokesman Joe Lockhart said Feb. 17 the United States is determined to protect regional stability in the Balkans. Escalated violence in Kosovo would further the exodus of refugees, which could destabilize other nations in the region, he said.

"We think that Albania would increasingly become a staging area for the Kosovo Liberation Army and, thus, increase the risk of cross-border conflict," he said. "We think the massive refugee flow could spread instability to the fledgling democra-

cy of [the Former Yugoslavian Republic of] Macedonia. We also think violence in Kosovo could reduce the prospects for political reform in Belgrade, which we think are important."

NATO's credibility as a force for peace is also at stake, Lockhart said. The decision to use force is never taken lightly, he stressed, "but we do have interests around the world and there are times where we only have one choice, and we exercise that choice as cautiously and sparingly as we can."

If the Serbs and Kosovar Albanians agree to acceptable peace conditions, President Clinton has promised to commit 4,000 U.S. troops to NATO's planned Kosovo Force. If that NATO peacekeeping mission begins, the U.S. portion of it will be called Operation Joint Guardian. (American Forces Press Service)

Medical panel tackles bumpy problem of shaving bumps

After-shave solution gets results in clinical study at Fort Gordon

FORT GORDON, Ga.— Medical officers at Dwight D. Eisenhower Army Medical Center at Fort Gordon have completed a clinical investigation studying the effects of a new medicine designed to treat pseudofolliculitis barbae, or "shaving bumps."

Maj. (Dr.) Niel Johnson, the principle investigator, is a practice physician assigned to the Primary Care Clinic at Eisenhower Medical Center.

For background: Pseudofolliculitis barbae (PFB) is a common skin condition affecting up to 80 percent of black men in the military. Its treatment has been difficult and frustrating to medicated officers and patients alike. Many treatments have been employed over the years, with varying degrees of success, including topical steroids, antibiotics, retinoic acid, and some over-the-counter shaving lotions. To date, however, no single product has been formally clinically tested to prove its safety and effectiveness in alleviating this condition in the soldier. Military medical officers, displeased with the effectiveness of available remedies, often resort to issuing shaving profiles. A shaving profile is a formal written prescription allowing a soldier to modify his shaving practice to allow the beard to grow out, in effect, resting the skin from being shaven.

Profiles, unfortunately, allow the soldier to appear unkempt, which can lead to less favorable impressions among other troops.

The purpose of the study was threefold:

- To determine the effectiveness and safety of a witch-hazel-based topical after shave in the treatment of shaving bumps. (Repair Medicated After Shave is not available under any other generic or commercial product names.)
- To determine the effectiveness of traditional shaving profiles in bumps;
- Compare Repair to traditional shaving profiles.

The study was conducted at Eisenhower center and its Troop Medical Clinics using men age 18-50 who volunteered and consented to participate in the study. The study was overseen by the Department of Clinical Investigations at Eisenhower center and approved by the Army Medical Command. Funding was provided by Eisenhower center and the Henry M. Jackson Foundation for the Advancement of Military Medicine. Forty-nine subjects completed the eight-week, randomized, double-blinded, placebo-controlled study, which involved multiple physical exams and assessments of satisfaction.

Results indicate a clinically and statistically significant reduction in the amount of ingrown hairs and shaving bumps during the course of the study in men using this after-shave lotion. There was no difference in the degree of improvement between profiled and non-profiled men,

indicating that the shaving profile was not effective at all. There were no adverse reactions, and the men tolerated the product very well. Self-assessed satisfaction of overall beard appearance improved 24 percent, which is significant considering the short duration of the study.

Based on these results, we conclude the following:

- Repair Medicated After Shave is a safe and effective product that is proven to help improve pseudofolliculitis barbae;
- Traditional shaving profiles do not appear to help shaving bumps, especially in the short term;
- Thorough shaving education is effective in improving compliance with good shaving technique; and
- The number of soldiers receiving shaving profiles can be expected to decline if they are first given a course of therapy with Repair Medicated After Shave prior to resorting to a written profile.

This study does not constitute an endorsement of Repair Medicated After Shave by the Department of Defense or the Department of the Army. (Dwight D. Eisenhower Army Medical Center release)

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Pace helps the Delta Dragons to final seconds basketball win

By Skip Vaughn

Benson Pace came through at crunch time in D Company's final game of the regular season in unit basketball.

With the score tied in the closing seconds, Pace hit a layup, got fouled and then made a free throw to give D Company a 61-58 win over HHC 59th on Thursday night at Pagano Gym. He finished with 17 points.

Frederick Johnson scored 12 points and made the assist on the deciding basket. After HHC 59th tied the score at 58-all, Pace sprinted up court and Johnson passed him the ball for the layup with four seconds left.

Delta Company, which won the preseason tournament, finished its regular season at 9-2. The postseason tournament is scheduled March 1-12.

"We're playing all right," Johnson, D Company's leading scorer this season along with John Winters, said. "We're not playing the best that we can play. We're playing at the level of our competition. Mainly we're just winning by close games with good defense."

Winters and James Massey scored 10 points apiece for D Company's Devastating Dragons.

Kevin Greene led HHC 59th (4-7) with 18 points while Charles Black added 15.

The season started Jan. 6. Here were the standings as of Feb. 18:

- Eastern Conference— Delta Company, 9-2; HHC 59th, 4-7; Meddac, 4-7; and Marines, 2-9.
- Western Conference— Headquarters & Alpha, 10-0; HHC AMCOM, 7-3; ROTC, 4-6; C Company, 5-4; and B Company, 1-8.

Top league bowlers knocking down pins

Here are the high scores for bowling league play at Rocket Lanes for the week ending Feb. 21:

- **RASA League**— Raymond Hayes 232, and 596 series; John Howard 234, and 554 series; John Dixon 222, 209, and 599 series; Danny Chargualaf 202; Patti Lin 540 series; Sherry Thole 531 series.
- **IMMC Wednesday Night Mixed**— Don Slagle 223, and 611 series; Butch Rulhman 230, and 563 series; Jim Lin 222, and 549 series; Maury Jones 220, and 544 series; Charles Limmer 225, and 558 series; Teresa Ennis 213, and 554 series.
- **LOGSA**— Jim Lin 215, and 541 series; Ken Schnaare 208; Carl Paulson 210, and 531 series; Tom Thompson 210, and 574

series; John Kelly 216, and 545 series; Patti Lin 213, 201, and 596 series; Lisa Esposito 215; Mary Whitman 203.

• **Boeing Mixed**— Darryl Risher 221, and 547 series; Patti Lin 207, and 545 series; Joanne Gibbons 202.

• **RSA Thursday Morning Ladies**— Patti Lin 233, 212, and 618 series; Beverly Van Oostrum 182, and 539 series; Fran Ford 203, and 481 series; Annette Myers 181, and 496 series.

• **Sunday Night Mixed**— Chuck White 223, and 548 series; Harry Evans 203, and 576 series; Kefferu Corker 204, and 539 series; Ken Arsenaunt 200, and 537 series; Tony Rasmussen 544 series; John Glouner 535 series; Cgrusta Evavs 548 series.



Dorothy Moore/Photo Lab

Community involvement...

Members of the Civilian Personnel Operations Center collected 2,297 Christmas cards from Dec. 22 through Jan. 29 for the AMCOM Public Affairs Office's community project to help children in art classes in orphanages. Rueben Barnes, the largest contributor, also collected cards from his wife's office. Putting the cards in boxes are, from left, Barnes; Mike Mohlere, deputy director; Debbie Biggerstaff, Mary Murphy, Barbara Glenn; Lee Williams, director; Louise Olszewski, Wanda Thomas, Diane Helser and Charlene Squire.

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Showing she's tough enough...

SMDC employee wins 1998 World Champion Karate title

By Marco Morales

Her sedentary duties as a management assistant in the Civilian Personnel Division office at the Space and Missile Defense Command require sharp clerical skills, handling a myriad of administrative actions and efficient customer service.

Judging from her small and lean frame, warm and friendly smile, most people would tend to think of Dorothy "Dottie" White as the girl-next-door, whose quiet demeanor wouldn't pose a physical threat to anyone or anything.

But for those who know her beyond her calm exterior, beyond an office environment, who have met her as a warrior of martial arts competition, White is the light middleweight 1998 World Champion for Women's Black Belt Fighting in North America.

White, 29, competed in 20-some tournaments sponsored by the North American Sport Karate Association (NASKA) which led to her title victory in Atlanta in late November 1998. She currently has a 3rd degree black belt in Taekwondo.

Initially influenced by her brother-in-law to "try out" the martial arts experience when she was 20, White's preparation for competing in tournaments reflects personal dedication and discipline.

"When I first started I thought to myself 'I'm too old and clumsy to do that,'" she said. "My self-confidence was low... so low that I'd hang my head down to avoid eye contact with people. Everyone thought I was stuck up or something."

She was then introduced to Wilburn King, owner and instructor of King's Southern Karate Studio in Decatur. King, who has applied the Army's standard adage to teaching, has taught White to be all she can be in martial arts.

"Through martial arts training I have overcome my shyness and have also gained a great deal of strength and self-confidence, thanks to my instructor," White said.

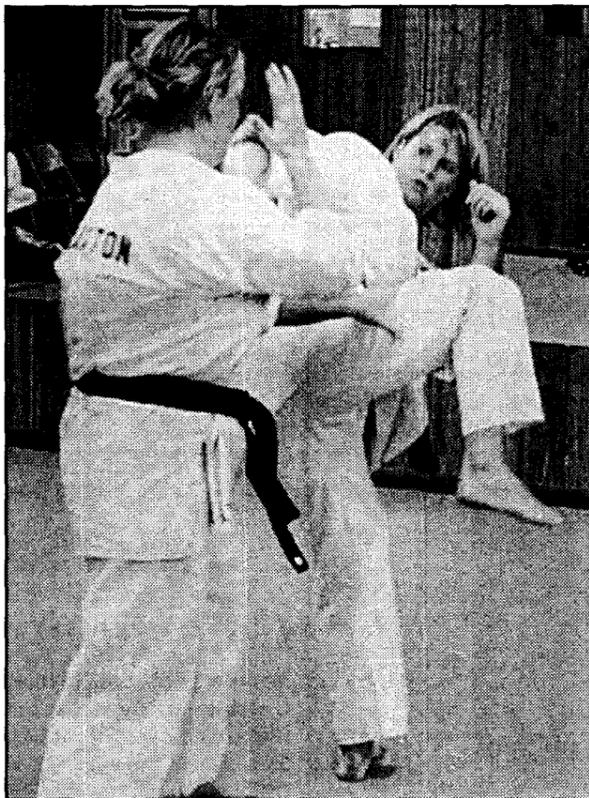


Photo by Marco Morales

SPARRING SESSION— White, right, spars with Debra Blaxton during black belt-level Karate training recently in Decatur.

Her training warmup session includes doing some 200 side-straddle hops, 75 push-ups, several rigorous abdomen "crunches" and a series of stretching exercises. Besides doing additional weight training to polish her speed and strength, she spars with her peers to perfect the various Karate forms she will eventually have to use to defend herself in competition.

"I work out at King's studio for two hours, three nights a week without fail," White said. "I have to be really sick or something really important has to keep me from training."

One of White's co-workers described her attitude at work. "Dottie is a wonderful person who will help any person— military or civilian — any way she can," said Paula Brumlow, management analyst, SMDC. "She doesn't let her victories in Karate tournaments go to her head."

Another part of White's job at SMDC is to monitor and streamline personnel management actions for more than 700 Army civilian employees. "She's a hard worker and accomplishes her duties extremely well," Brumlow said.

"Karate involves respect, discipline, loyalty, honor, spirit, heart and self-confidence. I try to practice these virtues in everything I do— every day," White said. "Although I lost six fights this year I'd like to try to win the NASKA undefeated world championship title this year."

White also participates in the "Tough Women's" full-contact competition when she's not preparing for other Karate or Taekwondo tournaments. She is scheduled to participate in February in the 1999 World Tough Woman competition in Mississippi.

Still, there's a different side to this quiet warrior. In between all those crescent and roundhouse kicks and loud, exhaling bellows that accompany each of her firm and accurate blocks, punches and attacks, White's creative side emerges.

"I enjoy doing pencil sketches and going to movies during my time off," she said. "While I was competing in Atlanta I was offered a chance to participate in an Atlanta television production called 'Mortal Combat.' I don't know if I'd be any good at acting, but I sure would like to give it a try."

Perhaps some of us will be able to say "I knew her when..." someday.

WEATHER

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building and seek out a small protected space with no windows. If you cannot find shelter, crouch for protection beside a strong structure or lie flat in a ditch or low-lying area and cover your head and neck with your arms or a piece of clothing.

"Do not get into your car and try to outrun it," Seale said. "If the warnings are issued around quitting time, I would suggest that employees stay here until the danger passes. I know I have stuck around after work a couple of times when there were warnings out."

Multiple tornadoes can emerge

from the same storm. Do not go out until officials say it is safe.

Alabama set new records last year with 50 tornadoes, eclipsing the old record of 45 in a single year. An F5 tornado, rated as the most powerful, struck in Jefferson County in April 1998, killing 32 people.

The last tornado to cause damage on the Arsenal was in 1989 when high winds damaged mostly trees and landscape.

The EOC provided the following list of web sites to stay advised on severe weather conditions. Alabama Live Rain or Shine Weather— www.rainorshine.com; The Weather Channel Home Page—www.weather.com; WAAY TV Channel 31 Forecast Center— www.waaytv.com;

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HEALTH

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demand is here, we will continue to provide them."

Hours at the evening and weekend Urgent Care Clinic were shortened, closing now at 8 p.m. instead of 10 p.m. because there was no need. To remain efficient, the Health Center can only support those services that are being utilized. If the workload isn't there for a particular service, it could be cut back or canceled.

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Race-day registration for the 5K and 10K races is \$20; and the fun run is free.

Engineer Run co-chairs this year are Lt. Col. William Reichert, deputy commander, U.S. Army Engineering and Support Center, Huntsville, and Coogan Preston, CST Inc.

Changes to this year's run include: expanded age groups to 60-64, 65-69 and 70-above categories; expanded team competition in both the 5K and 10K races; and an all new T-shirt design.

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TEAMMATES— From left are Gruschow, Waterford, Collier and Norris, all members of IMMC.

Working together...

Special project team at IMMC meets critical mission— naturally

By Skip Vaughn

The "Mission Impossible" theme song please... Your mission, if you decide to accept it: Bring together nine people from various offices to meet a critical mission on time and within cost.

Give up? Members of the Integrated Materiel Management Center didn't. They got the job done by using a concept called Natural Work Team.

Karen Waterford, Dwayne Gruschow and Jim Norris were recognized Thursday for their role in the selection of a logistics contractor for IMMC. Each received a plaque and director's coin from Jim Flinn, the center director.

"We were trying to recognize them for their outstanding participation in support of the special project using the natural work team concept," Samuel Collier, who served as the team leader, said.

In a natural work team, each member has an opportunity to fill the various key roles— from facilitator to scribe. They rotate these assignments among themselves.

"That's a management and leadership tool that different teams and organizations should use to effectively manage their processes," Collier said. "And it's something that Mr. Flinn initiated (several years ago) and this was a golden opportunity to use this process."

Collier was chairman of the source selection evaluation board which included three teams: past performance, most probable cost, and requirements. He served as leader of the requirements team. Water-

ford, Gruschow and Norris were members of the requirements team along with Janice Hopkins, Audrey Parham, Lorrene Dixson, Ron Rudd and Thad Odom.

The team met from June through December 1998 as part of the effort to select a contractor to provide logistics services for IMMC. There were eight offerers. A contract was awarded Feb. 12 to Logistics, Engineering and Environmental Support Services (LESCO) of Huntsville.

Waterford, an equipment specialist in the Aviation Systems Directorate, was recognized for "most team spirit." Gruschow, a packaging specialist in Logistics Support Directorate, was cited for "most improved for professional development." Norris, a technical writer in Logistics Support Directorate, was honored for "most productive and best quality of end product."

"The natural work team allowed us to establish some continuity among ourselves," Norris said.

"And it put us at ease too," Waterford said. "It was a vehicle that kept us productive."

"The natural work team," Gruschow said, "was an instrumental tool in establishing a well-rounded team that produced a quality product."

Collier recommends using this concept for other special projects. "If we had an opportunity to participate in a project like this again, we would have some experienced team members," he said. "And it'll be an opportunity to use the natural work team again in the future to provide a quality end product."

CARD

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(Editor's note: Capt. Sinn is legal assistance attorney; and PFC Dave is legal assistance clerk.)



SSgt. Daryl Long/Huntsville Recruiting Company

Talking to top...

Capt. Benny Shepard, left, commander of Huntsville Recruiting Company, talks with Sgt. Maj. of the Army Robert

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Dr. Dave Branham, the director of public works.

Details are still being completed—and the overall plan needs the commanding general's approval — but relocations within the Sparkman Center are expected to impact 2,000 people total by summer 2000.

"The reason we're doing this (Operation Smaller Footprint) at all is the steady decline of base operations dollars," Hamilton said. "We have \$15 million less to spend on this base than we had in 1997."

This \$15 million shortfall has resulted in funding for 71 percent of major maintenance and only 21 percent of building alterations. Preventive maintenance has been eliminated this year.

"We hate to move anybody,"

Hamilton said. "But the problem is if we don't do this now, we won't be able to maintain the buildings we're already in and that would be worse."

Filling the more energy-efficient Sparkman Center represents just the initial step of Operation Smaller Footprint. Step 2 addresses the rest of the Army's buildings on post. Operation survey teams will continue their work through March for a report in April to Maj. Gen. Emmitt Gibson, commander of the Aviation and Missile Command and Redstone Arsenal.

"We've got about 11 million square feet of space," Branham said. "We're in about 110 administrative buildings and over 100 trailers. As far as how many of those we're going to recommend closing, we don't know yet."

"We've got about 15 World War II buildings on post."

Building 4488, which opened in 1956, will remain available for possible future occupants.

"This is an enduring installation," Hamilton said. "We have to posture ourselves for future eventualities, but to do that we have to use our available space wisely."

Building 4488 was initially planned as a research and development engineering building. A construction contract for \$2.259 million was awarded in 1954 to J.A. Jones Construction Company, Atlanta.

The Oct. 3, 1954 issue of The Huntsville Times reported the contract award for the 200,000-square-foot, three-story structure.

On Feb. 1, 1956 the building was dedicated as the headquarters for the Army Ballistic Missile Agency, according to the AMCOM Historical Office.

The building was named the "Maj. Gen. John B. Medaris Center for Acquisition Excellence" in a dedication ceremony Sept. 27, 1993.

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Health Matters

Alcoholics anonymous

An Alcoholics Anonymous group 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.

Parenting workshop

Child Development Services is offering a parenting workshop Thursday from 11 a.m. to noon at Youth Services, building 3148. Playground safety, travel safety, resources on the Internet and other issues promoting child safety will be highlighted. For reservations, call 876-7801.

Aerobic classes

The Tuesday and Thursday step aerobic classes offered at Pagano Gym are held from 5-6 p.m. All eligible participants are welcome to come out and have fun while burning calories.



Sports & Recreation

Softball league

Civilian Welfare Fund plans the following team schedule for the spring softball league: The season is April 12 through July 1.... Teams signup will be complete by March 31.... Game times will be 5:30, 6:30 and 7:30 p.m.... Monday and Wednesday nights will be coed league. Tuesday and Thursday nights will be men's league.... Team cost will not exceed \$175 per team.... For information call Terrence Clay 842-8012 or fax 842-9138.... Who can play? Redstone community to include military, civilians, retirees, contractors (working on the arsenal) and immediate family members/dependents over the age of 18.... The summer league will start July 12 and run for 8 to 10 weeks.

Hunters course

Effective Aug. 1, 1993, persons turning 16 years old after that date will be required to have an Alabama Hunter Safety Certificate or card in order to purchase a hunting license in Alabama. Redstone Arsenal's Outdoor Recreation Branch is offering the Alabama Hunter Safety Course. Both youth and adults may attend this class; however, youths must be 10 years old by Nov. 13, 1999. The course provides 24-30 hours of instruction, a 100-question test (70 percent to pass), and live range firing for youth. The class dates are

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"Edition" simply refers to the number of prints pulled. The artist signs and numbers the prints in the edition, which can vary in number. For example, an artist may produce a small edition of only 30 prints, or a large one of 300 prints. Under most conditions, look for smaller editions.

It's good to remember, too, there are four types of prints: lithographs, woodcuts, etchings, and silk-screens. All have their own unique processes and qualities.

Basically, a lithograph is made by drawing with a grease pencil on the surface of a block of limestone. A woodcut is produced by using a knife on a piece of plank—grained wood. An etching is made by engraving below the surface of a metal plate. And a silk-screen is made by printing several stencils, one over the other, to make a completed print.

Also, there are several other methods used within the intaglio process to produce an etching:



Courtesy photo

BANKS ON IT— "Interlude" is an acrylic on canvas by Marcia Banks. Banks is one of the many artists whose work will be included in the OCWC's exhibit and art auction Saturday.

Original oil paintings and watercolors are much easier to tell from reproductions. So, too, are three-dimensional objects such as sculpture. However, as with all fine art, it pays to study the mediums, the methods involved, and how to distinguish between originals and reproductions.

Collecting fine art can become a lifelong passion.

So whatever you decide to collect, read books; talk to those who are more knowledgeable about art than you; go to art auctions, galleries, and museums; buy what you like; and have fun.

For more information about the art exhibit and auction Saturday, call 772-4245. For dinner reservations, call 830-2582.

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Feb. 27 and March 13 and 20 at the Recreation Center, building 3711, and March 6 at Outdoor Recreation, building 5132. All classes are from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. and all four sessions must be attended to pass the course. For more information and to register, call Bill Kerlin at Outdoor Recreation 876-4868/1373.

Post softball team

Signup is under way at Pagano Gym for the Redstone Arsenal post softball team, for active duty military only. For information call Michael McGilton 876-1959 or Joe Reed 876-2943.

Lady golfers

The Redstone Arsenal Ladies Golf Association will hold its 1999 season coffee at 9 a.m. March 3 at the Redstone Golf Course. All ladies eligible to join the Redstone Arsenal Golf Club are invited. Reservations are not necessary. Membership is \$20 and play begins March 10. For more information, call Sally Shepard 837-5401.

Climbing club

The University of Alabama-Huntsville Climbing Club, in association with Rock-It Climbing Gym, announces a Vertical Mile Climb, March 13. Teams of up to four people will relay to climb a vertical distance of one mile. Proceeds will benefit the United Way of Madison County. Public participation is encouraged. For more information, call John Leko 890-5140.

Golf league

The OMMCS Golf League had its opening 1999 season meeting Feb. 11. It now appears that four of the 20 league teams will not field a team for the 1999 season. The league is looking for four teams to fill this void. The league plays each week, Tuesday and Thursday afternoon from 3:45-4:45. Each team will only play one day per week, fielding a team of four players. Each team roster must have a minimum of four players and a maximum of 12. The OMMCS league will begin play April 6 and run through the second week in September. A team fee of \$110 is charged to all teams, which is used to pay to winning teams for the first and second parts of the season, as well as individual and team wins each week. For more information, call Dean Anderson 313-3477 work or 852-3531 home, or call Bob Kruse 881-3404 home.



Miscellaneous

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 sys-

tem. Organizations should coordinate with credit-card 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.

IAAP scholarships

Redstone Arsenal Chapter of International Association of Administration Professionals is awarding two \$500 scholarships each to a high school senior and a college student. Scholarships will be awarded to those who are continuing their education in business administration at any college or accredited business college of their choice. The scholarships are awarded based on merit and financial need. Applications for the 1999-2000 school year are being accepted through May 1. For more information and to obtain an application call Susan Douglas, education chair, 876-3000.

Contribution requests

Feb. 28 is the current deadline for contribution requests from the Thrift Shop. Anyone who qualifies under the 501 category of non-profit organizations is eligible to make requests. Requests for funds for the needs of a specific individual are ineligible. Requests must be specific about what the money is needed for and must include: name and address of the requesting party, to whom the check must be made out to, and a telephone number in case further information is needed. Also, please include in the request if funds have been requested from other organizations. Gift certificates may also be requested and these certificates are for merchandise from the Thrift Shop and must be used within a certain length of time to be determined by the board of governors. The Thrift Shop makes welfare contributions three times a year. Requests can be addressed to the Thrift Shop, Welfare Chairman (Glenda Reitzell), building 3657, Redstone Arsenal, Ala., 35898 or faxed to the Thrift Shop at 881-9807. Requests may be submitted at any time. A new request must be submitted in writing at each give-away.

Ordnance ball

The 1999 Ordnance Ball will be held 6 p.m. March 19 at the Redstone Arsenal Club. For tickets or information, call 876-6697.

Black history festival

Program Executive Office for Tactical Missiles, Multiple Launch Rocket System Project Office will present the fourth annual festival of African-American Music, Art, Fashion and Portrayals, Thursday from 9:30-11 a.m. at the Sparkman Auditorium. This year's theme is "Expressions of African-American Love." The free event include music by Lee High School Trouveres (choral group) and Austin High School Jazz Band. There will also be portrayals of famous African-Americans. The art display will be in the lobby of the auditorium from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Free prizes will be given away.

OMMCS reunion

The Ordnance Missile and Munitions Center and School will hold its second reunion at 7 p.m. March 5 at the Redstone Arsenal Club. This will be the second reunion since the school opened in 1952. Invited are all present and former OGMS/OMMCS staff and faculty (military/civilian). Hors d'oeuvres and a cash bar will be available. Dress is casual, but no T-shirts, please. Cost is \$10 per person. If interested send a check to Jack Carrigy, 107 Kettering Drive, Huntsville, Ala., 35824. Please provide names of guests (spouse/friends) for whom you are paying so name tags can be made. Response deadline is Feb. 26.

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Art gala

Huntsville's Museum of Art annual gala will be held March 5 at the Von Braun Center's North Hall. Admission to the art auction will be included in the price of the gala ticket. For invitations, call the Museum of Art 535-4350.

Grant writing

The Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Inc., Huntsville Alumnae Chapter is sponsoring a Grant Writing Workshop from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Saturday at the Madison Branch Library, 130 Plaza Blvd. The workshop will focus on how to research methods for identifying grants and funding sources. The focus is also on how to write persuasively to win grants. It is free and open to the public. For more information, call Brigitte Fletcher 859-8003.

Eighth-graders

"The Future is Now," an information event for eighth-graders and their families, will be held 6:30-8 p.m. March 1 at New Century Technology High School which is located at Calhoun Community College, 102 Wynn Drive, Research Park. This event will be in the Student Center. For more information,

call 890-4019. New Century Technology High School is accepting applications for school year 1999-2000. A ninth-grade class is being formed. See your guidance counselor or call 890-4019.

Contract managers

Huntsville Chapter of the National Contract Management Association will hold its 1999 National Educational Seminar March 16 at Trinity United Methodist Church, 607 Airport Road. This year's theme is "Innovative Contracting (Practical Approaches)." Registration begins at 8 a.m. with the seminar from 8:30-5. Refreshments and lunch are included in the registration fee. For more information, call Paula Cushman 895-2804 or John Masson 971-6424.

AUSA symposium

Association of the U.S. Army, Redstone-Huntsville Chapter will have a missile symposium—"Army Missiles—2010 and Beyond"—on March 2-3 at the Huntsville Hilton. Cost for members is \$195 advance, \$240 after Feb. 17; and for non-members \$230 advance, \$275 after Feb. 17. Non-member fee includes AUSA membership for 1999. To register, call Jan Smith, chapter treasurer, 539-1700, extension 109.

Fathers statewide

The Alabama Fathers Rights Association will hold a "March for Our Children" at 11 a.m. March 2 at the Alabama State Legislature in Montgomery. Participants will assemble at 10 at the south end of the Crampton Bowl, two blocks northeast of the Statehouse. The Crampton Bowl is located at the intersection of Pelham and Hilliard Streets, east of the Statehouse. For more information, call 1-800-992-1190.

Investment workshop

Edward Jones and investment representative Montie Gonterman are offering a financial workshop for individual investors. The four-week course will be held March 3, 10, 17 and 24 from 5:30-7:30 p.m. at the Bailey Cove Branch Public Library. To register call 880-3040 by Thursday.

Movie contest

Comcast Cablevision of Huntsville and American Movie Classics are sponsoring a talent search contest that will award a \$1,000 scholarship to a high school student

in the Huntsville area. VHS video presentations of 3-5 minutes—recorded at a school or community play, drama class, drama performance, monologue or scene study—which highlight a student's talent, charisma and appearance will be judged by a panel of Hollywood-based entertainment professionals, including actors, managers and agents during the weeks of March 13 and March 20. The student whose performance is deemed the best of those received from the Comcast Cablevision of Huntsville service area will receive a check for \$1,000, intended for college tuition. In addition, the student's high school will receive a video camera to further encourage students in the dramatic arts. Entry deadline is midnight March 12. VHS videotaped entries must be labeled with the student's name, address and phone number, as well as the name of their high school and local cable operator. All entries should be forwarded to: AMC's "From Grit to Grace," c/o Dolphin Data, Bin 204 (this is very important), 4920 Santa Anita Ave., El Monte, Calif., 91731.

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Asian Pacific program

The Asian Pacific American Program Committee will meet at 1 p.m. Thursday in the EEO Office Conference Room in building 5300, room 5130, first floor, to discuss future planning of a Special Emphasis Program celebration to be held in May. It is requested that committee members and interested employees plan to attend. For more information call Clarenza Clark, Asian Pacific American program manager, 313-2825.

BIG potluck

The Huntsville- Madison County Chapter of Blacks in Government will hold its annual Black History Month "Potluck" dinner at 7 p.m. Saturday at Colonial Village Clubhouse, formerly known as Rime Village, 6200 Rime Village Drive. For more information, call Stephana Miles 876-4242.

Town hall meeting

The Redstone Arsenal Support Activity will hold a Community Town Hall Meeting at 6 p.m. March 2 in the Bicentennial Chapel assembly room. All residents, retirees and employees authorized to use Redstone community facilities are invited. Tentative topics include VOQ and housing updates, spring cleanup, yard sale, garden plots, and emergency preparedness. Also included will be information on the Child Development Center, new youth initiatives, Block Party, and youth sports. Members of the Team Redstone staff will be on hand to address questions or concerns from the community.

Garden plots

Planting season will soon be here. There are two garden areas on post: Vincent Drive and Wesson Circle. Those interested in garden plots should stop by building 111, room 128 between 11 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. March 9-10. Applications and assignment will be made at that time. If you wish to retain the same garden plot, call MSgt. Tolbert 876-1445 by March 4. After that date, plots will be assigned on a first-come, first-serve basis. All active military servicemembers residing on or off post and retired servicemembers are eligible to sign for a garden plot. For more information call Tolbert, housing NCO-in-charge, 876-1445.

Education committee

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

Career exploration

The American Association of University Women wants to help high school young women plan their future. A career exploration conference will be held from noon to 4 p.m. March 6 at Lee High School, 606 Forrest Circle. To register or for more information, call 883-8759.

Jazz celebration

Tennessee Valley Jazz Society's "Celebrating Black History Thru Jazz" programs will air tonight at 6:30 and again at 11 on the Alabama Public Television program "For the Record."

Bible study

A Bible Study is held every Wednesday from 11:45 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in the back room of the Bicentennial Chapel. Free hamburgers are served. Both civilian and military are invited. For more information, call 955-4086.

Sergeants major

The Sergeants Major Association will hold its monthly meeting from 6:30-7:30 in the morning March 18 at the Radisson Suite Hotel on South Memorial Parkway. For more information, call Sgt. Maj. Marvin Whitted 842-2879.

Union meeting

AFGE Local 1858 will hold its monthly membership meeting at 5:30 p.m. March 8 at the Union Office, building 3202 on Mauler Road. All collective bargaining unit employees are encouraged to attend. For more information, call 881-7430 or 876-4880.

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