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Running with the big dogs...

Redstone Police Officer of Year a dog handler

By Sandy Riebeling

The police officer of the year for Redstone Arsenal leads a dog's life.

He's a K-9 officer, Mark Thompson. He and his German Shepherd partner Mike work regular patrol, train together and also perform community support.

According to kennel master Sgt. Jack Rush, Thompson didn't win officer of the year because he wrote the most traffic tickets or because he took the high-profile assignments. Thompson was named Provost Marshal's Police Officer of the Year because, "He gives 100 percent to every task and mission assigned to him. He is an officer of integrity whose professionalism and willingness to help others sets him apart. He wants to see the whole organization succeed and to provide the highest quality of security to Redstone Arsenal."

Thompson, along with top officers from other law enforcement agencies, was honored with a dinner sponsored by the Exchange Club of Greater Huntsville. On hand for the awards presentation were Thompson's friends, fellow officers, wife, Fran, and son, Kurtis. And yet, there was something missing—his K-9 partner, officer Mike X-139.

"Mike couldn't come but my sergeant got up there and told a bunch of lies about me," laughed Thompson, who said he was surprised by the honor. "We have a lot of great officers here."

Thompson, a dog handler with the K-9 Unit at



Photo by Sandy Riebeling

IN TRAINING—Running the obstacle course is part of this pair's daily routine. Thompson has to spend several hours a week training with Mike.

Redstone, said that his family support has much to do with his job performance. Since he joined Redstone's force in 1996, he and his K-9 partner have been assigned detail in New York City three times.

"I've pulled security detail for special events like the Goodwill Games, security for Madeline Albright (Secretary of State), and from Dec. 5 to Feb. 3, we were in New York for the World Trade Center bombing and the African Embassy bombing preliminary hearings," Thompson said. "And I usually only get two or three days notice. My family has let me break some promises to go on

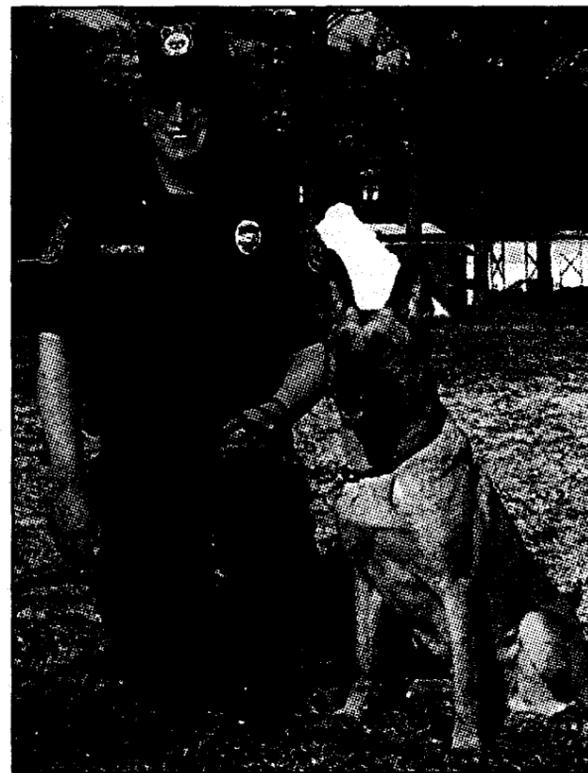


Photo by Sandy Riebeling

PARTNERS—Thompson and his partner "Officer Mike" have patrolled the streets of Redstone as well as the streets of New York City, together.

these assignments."

When Thompson travels, he is responsible for the care of his partner 24 hours a day. A job that he says can get difficult at times but one that he loves. He even has a picture of Mike on his television set at home.

Thompson began working with dogs while serving in the Navy.

"I served 10 years, five of them as an MP and four of

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More than 1,000 clients so far...

Military families reap benefit at Tax Assistance Center

By Skip Vaughn

The Tax Assistance Center is staying busy with customers from the military community.

Full-time staff members and volunteers prepare federal and state income tax returns there as a free service for active duty, reserve, retirees and their dependents. The center opened Feb. 1 and will offer tax assistance until April 15.

"It's going well," Capt. Erika Cain, the center's chief, said. "In fact people have been very pleased with the service. We've served a lot of people."

More than 1,000 people have been served so far. As of March 24, some 813 returns had been filed electronically and 88 on paper. The center has also provided tax forms to more than 300 people; and forms are available to civilians.

The tax center, in building 3475 on Honest John Road, is open from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Friday with extended hours of 5-7

p.m. Tuesday and Thursday. For an appointment, call 876-1235. Walk-ins are served on a space available basis.

From April 12-15, the center will be open 6:30 a.m. to 8 p.m.

"We have a good electronic filing program that will maximize effective tax preparation to ensure you get any tax benefits that are due," Cain said.

Last year the tax center saved active and retired servicemembers \$160,000. That's what they would have paid altogether to have their tax returns done downtown. The average cost that a paid preparer would charge for basic service is \$40. "We're free; we offer the same service," Cain said.

While federal returns are filed electronically, state returns are printed out so they can be mailed by the patron.

"The nice thing about filing electronically is: If you owe money now, you can electronically file now and pay later," Cain said. "With our services, they can electronically debit your account before April 15th."

The staff members include Cain, SSgt. Tony Williams, SSgt. James Matthews, SSgt. Sean Martin and Sgt. Elizabeth Eby.

Volunteers include Terry Pelkey, Linda Sharp, Mary Adams, Norma Reeves, Burch Wheatley, Douglas Wilburn, Francis Black and Michelle McGill.

The tax assistance program is a joint effort between Army Community Service and the Staff Judge Advocate Office.

Active-duty servicemembers should contact their unit tax advisers for appointments and tax information. The unit tax advisers include Spec. Eric Gibbs, HHC AMCOM, phone 876-3145; Spec. Javier Dibrell, HHC AMCOM, 876-2135; Sgt. Charles Black, HHC 59th, 313-3660; SSgt. Dwayne Smith and Sgt. Howard Hamilton, Headquarters & A Company, 842-2246; 2nd Lt. Daniel Suggs, B Company, 842-0609; Sgt. Brandon Patrick, C Company, 876-6922; SFC

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U.S. Army photo by SFC Larry Lane

Bosnia patrol...

A U.S. Army soldier spends a quiet moment visiting with a Bosnian child near Tusla, Bosnia.



Letters To The Editor

Fitness center

I am a retired civil servant, having worked for the U.S. Army for 34 years. I have been proud of the contribution I have made to my employer over those years. There were many long days at the desk, and requirements to work on weekends and holidays. I did that because it was a part of my responsibilities.

I have always appreciated the value of maintaining good health and have participated at the Sparkman Fitness Center regularly. Imagine my surprise and disappointment to discover that retired civil servants are now banned from this fitness center. Military retirees are not banned. This seems grossly unfair to me. Am I to understand that my 34-year contribution is worth less than that of any retired military member?

Allowing retired civil servants to use the Sparkman Fitness Center would not generate any additional cost to the Command. I do not believe that great numbers of retirees would flood the center. No additional staff or equipment would be needed. On the other hand, imagine the goodwill and public face-saving the Command could realize by allowing those limited numbers of us who are still fit and active to continue our memberships. It would be a different story if the center was overcrowded. But, as a former regular member, I know this is not the case.

This city is federally focused. I feel that AMCOM should take better care of the retired members of its family.

Name withheld by request

Editor's note: Redstone Arsenal Support Activity provided the following response. "Army Regulation 215-1 governs authorized patronage of Morale, Welfare and Recreation (MWR) facilities. A very recent change to the regulation permits retired DoD civilian employees to use MWR facilities if space is available. Prior to the change, retired DoD civilian employees were limited to use of a very few MWR facilities. We are currently evaluating usage figures of the Sparkman Fitness Center and other MWR facilities. After the evaluation has been completed, a determination will be made on expanding patronage of MWR facilities to retired DoD civilian employees. We will publish this information in the Redstone Rocket and elsewhere to let our patrons know as soon as possible."

Retirement tribute

The retirement celebration luncheon at Huntsville Marriott on March 24 marks a moment of both change and continuity.

It marks, first of all, the beginning of a new era of retreating from the daily stress at work and doing something special for oneself after several decades of federal service.

This retirement celebration also celebrates continuity because you, Patsy Richardson, leave us a legacy of friendliness, caring, diligence, patience, kindness and professionalism to cherish and follow. You set up an example of a civil servant of the highest integrity and the most steadfast commitment to the public good.

Helping the interns over the years as an intern coordinator, Patsy, you know best how the interns behave, think, and what is good for them. You have been kind to us interns. You have made us welcome at Software Engineering Directorate (SED). You even hang up a Standard Operation Procedure (SOP) dealing with interns in your office that says, "Arguing with an engineer is like wrestling with a pig in the mud. After a while, you realize that the pig enjoys it!"

Realizing most of your gray hair was caused by the interns over the years, I would like on behalf of all the interns that ever walked through the front door at SED to express our thanks, admiration, affection, and good wishes to you, Patsy, who have been such a special friend over so many generations of interns. We shall not forget you, and we shall keep you in our hearts always as you embark on this new era of your infinite freedom and enjoyment in life that we call "retirement." Thank you very much!

John Yim
Patriot Project Office

Your letters can help...

Secretary goes to bat against fatal Lou Gehrig's Disease

By June Johns

Feb. 9, 1999 is a date Jean Doby won't forget. It was the day doctors confirmed she had Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS), more commonly known as Lou Gehrig's Disease. Doby is a secretary for the Test Management Division of Redstone Technical Test Center.

This disease, named after the famed 1930s baseball great, Lou Gehrig, attacks the nerve cells of the brain and spinal cord, leading to the wasting of muscles, paralysis, and ultimately death. There is no known cure for this sickness, and physicians do not know what causes it.

The life expectancy of an individual with ALS varies from "two to five years," according to Doby.

It is estimated that approximately 30,000 people in the U.S. alone have developed this disease. These numbers are hard to take, and what becomes harder still is talking face-to-face with victims such as Jean Doby, and knowing the financial and medical challenges she must battle along with her illness.

During the later stages of this disabling disease, the average cost of maintaining an ALS patient hovers around \$200,000 per year, Doby said. This money covers costs such as patient care, medicines to prolong quality-of-life, ramps as the disease progresses and patients become wheelchair-bound, and expensive ventilators to help deteriorating lung muscles with breathing.

And Doby will soon be unable to count on income from her job, as her 45-minute drive to work from her home in Gun-



Photo by June Johns

AT WORK— Doby's computer is her work tool at the Redstone Technical Test Center. At home it's a lifeline to newly-acquired Internet friends, who also suffer from Lou Gehrig's Disease.

tersville becomes more difficult and the hallway to her office becomes "longer and longer" to walk on legs eventually destined for paralysis.

Making matters worse is the current mandatory two-year waiting period required before Medicare coverage applies. Too late for those with only a few years of life expectancy left.

"There is a bill in the House right now (H.R. 353) that would exempt an ALS patient, as well as help relieve the financial burden on family members," Doby said. And she is asking for help from her fellow Redstone Arsenal employees in encouraging Alabama congressmen to support this bill in the U.S. Legislature.

"In Alabama we have seven districts and right now only three congressmen are co-sponsors," Doby said. One of the co-sponsors is Huntsville area Congressman Bud Cramer, who describes this bill as a "reasonable, common-sense piece of legislation."

Doby added that "due to the small number of ALS patients and the short time they would actually receive benefits, the real added expense to Medicare" is small.

"I alone cannot make a difference, but 'we' collectively can. It may be too late for me, but could help... others to survive in comfort during the little time they have left," Doby said.

The purpose of this bill is two-fold, according to Doby: to amend the 24-month

waiting period for Medicare coverage for ALS sufferers, and to provide Medicare coverage for outpatient drugs and therapies for the disease's victims.

Doby requests that Redstone Arsenal workers write letters to appropriate Alabama congressmen, requesting their support of the bill. (For a copy of the recommended letter, as well as addresses of state congressmen to write, please contact Jean Doby at either the telephone number or e-mail address noted at the end of this article.)

In the meantime, Jean Doby's daughter, Dawn, has joined her in her fight. An ALS support association will be sponsoring the daughter's May visit to a Washington, D.C. convention, where she will lobby Alabama congressmen to sponsor this bill. Doby's daughter will take this opportunity to meet in person ALS Internet chat line members that "are like extended family" to her mother.

Doby is also receiving support from her son, David, who recently got out of the Army, and who has postponed going back to college in California to study computer science, in order to stay with his mother.

During her time left, Doby is spending more time with her two children and her three grandchildren, ages 2 through 6.

In addition, one of Doby's immediate goals is to visit Sea World and Busch Gardens, both located in central Florida. With lobby aid from Redstone Arsenal employees and Alabama congressmen, Doby just might get her chance to realize this final goal.

(Editor's note: For more details, Jean Doby can be reached at 876-3556, or at jdoby@rttc.redstone.army.mil.)

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COBURN

Coburn nominated as the new AMC commander

WASHINGTON— Secretary of Defense William Cohen announced March 23 that the president has nominated Lt. Gen. John Gordon Coburn for appointment to the grade of general with assignment as commanding general, Army Materiel Command, Alexandria, Va.

Since April 1996, Coburn has served as the deputy chief of staff for logistics, Washington, D.C.

He is to succeed Gen. Johnnie Wilson who is retiring.

Coburn, who has more than 35 years of service, was the AMC deputy commander from July 1994 to April 1996. He was commander of the Ordnance Center and School at Aberdeen Proving Ground, Md., from 1992-94.

He served in Saudi Arabia in 1991, and in Vietnam in 1967.

Coburn received a bachelor's degree in education from Eastern Michigan University, a master's in political science from the University of Kansas, and a law degree from the University of Missouri.

He attended the Infantry Officer Basic Course, Ordnance Officer Advanced Course, Command and General Staff College, and Industrial College of the Armed Forces.

His decorations and badges include the Defense Distinguished Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal (with three oak leaf clusters), Distinguished Service Medal, Joint Service Commendation Medal, Legion of Merit (with two oak leaf clusters), Army Commendation Medal, Bronze Star Medal (with oak leaf cluster), Army Achievement Medal, Defense Meritorious Service Medal, and Army Staff Identification Badge.

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NATO strikes aimed at Serb air defenses

Operation Allied Force begins in Yugoslavia to secure a stable Europe

By Linda D. Kozaryn

WASHINGTON— The first wave of NATO Operation Allied Force primarily targeted Yugoslavia's extensive air defense system, according to the Pentagon's top leaders.

"The air defense system in Yugoslavia is very capable and it poses a considerable threat to NATO aircraft involved in the operation," said U.S. Army Gen. Hugh Shelton, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff. "Although we have no indication of casualties to U.S. or NATO forces at this point, we're taking all measures to reduce the risk to pilots and air crews. But there is no such thing as a

risk free military operation."

Shelton and Defense Secretary William Cohen addressed a packed Pentagon press conference here about three hours after NATO air strikes began March 24. Security concerns limited the amount of operational detail they would discuss, since the operation was still under way and allied forces remained at risk. They also said it was also too early to discuss damage assessment.

Sea-launched cruise missiles from U.S. and British naval vessels and air-launched cruise missiles from U.S. B-52 bombers began striking military targets throughout Yugoslavia at about 2 p.m. EST, Cohen said. The strikes were part of very carefully calibrated, integrated air campaign, he said.

NATO fighters, bombers, tankers,

surveillance and other aircraft from 11 NATO nations are participating in the operation. Cohen said. All U.S. and NATO aircraft returned safely from the first wave of attacks, he noted. NATO officials in Brussels denied reports that a NATO plane had been shot down. Cohen said an air-to-air exchange had occurred between allied and Serb forces, but could not confirm reports that a Serb MiG fighter had been shot down.

"We are making every reasonable effort to protect our forces while eliminating, carefully defined military targets," Cohen said. "NATO's forces are well trained, they are well led and they are committed to working for a Europe that is stable and secure."

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Serving families and the community...

Customer satisfaction is top priority for new director

By Sandy Riebeling

Customer satisfaction is job one for Dan Ahern, new director at the Directorate of Community and Family Activities.

Taking the helm at DCFA was the culminating career move for the man who has spent the last 20 years creating, expanding, enhancing and serving soldiers and their families through the Army's Morale Welfare and Recreation programs.

"I'm deeply honored to be entrusted with leadership of this dynamic organization into the next millennium," Ahern said. "The Redstone Arsenal DCFA, and the RASA as a whole, have a well-known and worldwide reputation for excellence. It will be my goal to continue that excellence, and even enhance it where possible."

Ahern arrived on the Arsenal March 8 and has spent the past few weeks meeting with personnel within the directorate.

Taking the job and making the move from Fort Sill, Okla., where Ahern had lived for 16 years, to Redstone, came as an unexpected career move. "My wife and I had just bought a house a year ago. Everything was going great. And then out of the blue I got a call about this job."

Without ever having visited Redstone, Ahern heard the job offer, talked with his wife Lisa, and decided to take it, all in one day.

"I asked several people who had been here what Redstone was like and everyone, without exception, said only good things about Huntsville and the Arsenal," Ahern said, adding that one of his few concerns about relocating was a warm climate.

Born and raised in Holyoke, Mass.,



Photo by Sandy Riebeling

GETTING ACQUAINTED— Staff at the Army Community Service welcome the new DCFA director with an informal briefing on ACS programs. Discussing

the activities and needs of the organization are, from left, Ann Owens, Virginia Dempsey, Ahern, Sue Paddock, Juanita Adams and Sal Riccardi.

Ahern earned his bachelor's degree in mathematics and economics from Bowdoin College in Brunswick, Maine. It was during college that he also came to the decision that the cold winters were not going to be part of his future.

"I remember the day I decided I was moving," Ahern said. "I was in college and it was my birthday. We were getting ready to play the championship soccer game. They actually had to plow the snow off the field before we could go out in our shorts and play. That's when I knew I wanted to move to a warmer climate."

Ahern was commissioned into the Army in 1978 as a second lieutenant. He spent eight years on active duty, in the Adjutant General Corps running MWR clubs, serving four years in Germany and the remain-

der at Fort Sill. When his Army position as management information systems officer turned civilian in 1986, so did Ahern. He resigned from the active Army and accepted an Army Reserve commission. It was in the Reserves that Ahern gained valuable command experience.

"Some of the greatest satisfaction I've enjoyed in my 20-plus years of MWR management is working with young single soldiers. I kicked off the BOSS program at Fort Sill and stayed on as the MWR adviser for about an eight year period. I love serving America's soldiers and their families, our outstanding civilian and contractor teammates and our retirees."

The type of customers Ahern now serves includes a much different demographic than what he was used to at Fort Sill.

"We had 3,000 single soldiers there. I don't think we have that many soldiers at Redstone, single or married. But we do have a very large retiree community, which will give me the opportunity to serve a different type of community."

As Ahern, his wife, and their "very sweet" rottweiler, Mohawk, settle into their new surroundings, which include their new home, they look forward to exploring the area.

"This move gives us a great opportunity to see so much of the country here. There's Nashville, Atlanta, Florida. And there's a hockey team here, too."

Ahern admits he likes to watch some winter sports but prefers a game of pickup basketball to help keep him in shape.

"I work out, but then again, being in the Reserves, you have to be in shape."

Ahern expects to continue his Reserve status in Alabama as soon as a slot opens for him.

His goals for DCFA will remain, as always, customer satisfaction.

"My personal focus, and certainly the focus of the entire directorate, is customer satisfaction. Service is our common product, the thread that runs through all DCFA activities be they food and beverage services, recreation, fitness, family programs, or community services— and I intend to help refocus our energies on that common thread wherever it needs adjusting."

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Professional group says...

Secretaries should take pride in work and use their training opportunities

By June Pockrus

"Pride in Professionalism" is the official theme for Professional Secretaries Week (PSW), April 18-24 and Professional Secretaries Day (PSD), April 21.

The theme expresses commitment to increasing skills, competencies, and the dedication of administrative professionals toward meeting the needs of a changing workplace. Many have asked if the name of PSW/PSD will be changed in light of the recent International Association of Administrative Professionals (IAAP) name change. It's certainly a possibility for the future, but since PSW/PSD has such worldwide name recognition—and the event appears on countless calendars—the name will not change in 1999.

Goals for Professional Secretaries Week 1999 include:

- Educate the public about the expanding

roles of administrative professionals.

- Build prestige and enhance the image of the administrative profession and IAAP.
- Reach out to students and talk to them about the advantages of administrative careers.
- Attract more people to join IAAP as professional, associate, or student members.
- Promote lifelong learning, certification, and other professional development activities.
- Encourage employers to offer continuing education and training opportunities for their administrative staff.

IAAP suggests that employers observe Professional Secretaries Week by providing training for their administrative staff through seminars, continuing education, or self-study materials. Another suggestion is to make a commitment toward delegating responsibilities that better utilize administrative professionals' skills.

The world's leading association for administrative professionals, IAAP first organized Professional Secretaries Week in



Photo by Skip Vaughn

PROCLAMATION SIGNING— Maj. Gen. Emmitt Gibson, commander of Aviation and Missile Command and Redstone Arsenal, signs a proclamation for Professional Secretaries Week. Looking on, from left, are Carole Worsham, president

of IAAP; June Pockrus, president-elect; Marilyn Dale, corresponding secretary; and Arnita Lee, recording secretary. "Ladies, I'm glad to do this. You do great work for us, and we really appreciate it," Gibson said.

1952 and remains its official sponsor.

For those interested in joining the Redstone Arsenal Chapter IAAP call Ruth Woodham, chairman of the membership committee, at 895-1390.

(Editor's note: Pockrus, secretary for the director of Missile Research Development and Engineering Center, is president-elect of International Association of Administrative Professionals.)

NCO Academy classmates improve local schoolyard with cleanup

By Daniel Karl and Todd Robbins

The coming of spring brings on work outside in the yard. What a better place to start than the "Big Backyard" at Williams Elementary School and Technology Middle School.

The first day of spring brought two classes from the NCO Academy to the school. The classes got to participate in this project and interact with teachers and

parents of the community.

The project consisted of landscaping and general cleanup of the school grounds which took the majority of the day to accomplish. Through hard work and combined effort, the students of the NCO Academy came together with the community to improve the outdoor learning classroom for the students of Williams Elementary and Technology Middle School.

- Members of class 55B30-004-99

include the following: SSgt. Anthony Evans, Sgt. Amy East, Sgt. William Ewings, Sgt. Christopher Height, Sgt. Daniel Karl, Sgt. Le'Rone Reid, Sgt. Todd Robbins; SFC Davie Harvey, senior small group leader; and SSgt. Jonathan Lee, small group leader.

- Members of class C42-006-99 include SFC David Barsch, SFC Jose Cotto-Rivera,

SFC Thomas Dickens, SFC Kelly Eickenbrook, SFC Michael Erving, SFC Michael Meier, SFC Cloy Priest, SSgt. Andre Cannie, SSgt. John Surface, SSgt. Ramon Teruel; SFC Elbert Camp, senior small group leader; SFC Gregory Brown and SFC Mark May, small group leaders.

(Editor's note: Sgt. Karl and Sgt. Robbins are members of class 55B30-004-99.)

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Don't wait until the last minute to think about your healthcare coverage. These decisions should be incorporated into your overall individual transition plan. Usually healthcare coverage should be considered

about three to four months before retirement.

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SERVICE SPEAKER— Mathis is scheduled speaker for the Easter Sunrise Service on April 4 behind the old post chapel.

Open to public...

Chapel service greets sunrise on Easter Sunday

The 47th annual Easter Sunrise Service, sponsored by the Protestant congregation of Bicentennial Chapel, will be held at 6:30 a.m. April 4 behind building 3714 (old post chapel). In case of inclement weather, it will be held at Bicentennial Chapel.

This year's featured speaker is retired Chaplain (Col.) Roy Mathis of Gaffney, S.C. Mathis is the director of Marketplace Ministries, Carolinas Division, serving in this position since his retirement from active duty in 1992.

Mathis is a graduate of Clemson University (bachelor's degree),

Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary (master's of divinity degree), Long Island University (master's of guidance and counseling), and the National Defense University (master's of industrial relations).

Mathis served on active duty in the Army from 1968 until 1992, serving at installations throughout the United States, Vietnam, Turkey and Germany. His last five positions include division chaplain (3rd Armored Division); training officer and executive officer for the Chief of Army Chaplains; installation chaplain, Fort Benning, Ga.; and command chaplain for Training and Doctrine Command.

His military awards include the Legion of Merit, two Bronze Stars, five Meritorious Service Medals, two Air Medals, four Vietnam Campaign Medals, Foreign Service Medal, Armed Forces Reserve Medal, two Army Overseas Medals, National Defense Medal, Master Parachutist Badge, the Department of the Army Staff Identification Badge, three foreign awards and two Unit Citations.

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Pentagon rewards Redstone team for ongoing environmental efforts

Goal is to use safer materials in manufacturing, maintenance

By June Johns

If you should catch anyone from the Environmental Technology Team sitting around reading a copy of the magazine "Popular Mechanics," don't worry— it's all part of the job.

"Popular Mechanics" is just one of many civilian resources this group utilizes to find environmentally-safe alternatives to hazardous materials used in Army manufacturing and maintenance.

Such research led to the discovery of a potential alternative to thermal batteries, which end up as hazardous waste. After reading an article in "Popular Mechanics" about the Coast Guard's use of certain environmentally-friendly plastic materials to power buoys, team members took this technology and applied it to missiles. Not only does this substance end up being better for the environment, but it has the added advantages of being more powerful and lasting longer than the thermal batteries.

It is thinking such as this that prompted the Pentagon to award Redstone Arsenal's Environmental Technology Team with a Secretary of the Army 1998 Environmental Award.

Each year, these awards are presented in recognition of installation, team or individual efforts in Natural Resources Conservation, Cultural Resources Management, Environmental Quality, Pollution Prevention, Recycling and Environmental Cleanup.

RSA's Environmental Technology Team was recognized for their efforts to reduce or eliminate the use of hazardous and ozone-depleting materials in the development, acquisition, fielding and sustaining of weapons.

The team's work began in 1993, in response to a federal law dictating the need to eliminate ozone-depleting materials from any government-awarded contracts. Strengthening this resolve was Executive Order 12856, signed by President Clinton that same year, which required federal government agencies to "review government documents and search for opportunities to remove hazardous (and) ozone depleting materials," according to Ron Hagler, team leader for the Environmental Technology Team.

The team's work involves more than eliminating these potential hazards in existing and future contracts. Maintenance procedures, as well as field operations, and purchasing specifications are also reviewed with this task in mind.

Hagler describes the team's mission as "pollution prevention." According to Hagler, this work involves establishing preventative measures early on, in order to avoid costly expenses at the end of equipment life cycles. Hagler describes his team's work as "cost avoidance, more than saving money," with their efforts devoted to eliminating or reducing expensive disposal, cleanup and de-militarization expenditures down the road.

In order to do this effectively, the Army, according to Hagler, has implemented a rigorous process of research and approval.

When Hagler, one of his other three government team workers, or personnel from any of the 30 private contractors working with his group, discover an environmentally-friendly alternative, the review process begins. Ideas and plans are first referred to the Research, Development and Engineering Center. If they concur, the final step is approval by the management officer responsible for the weaponry in question.

In addition, Hagler and his team members meet with people in the field in order to better understand, and find solutions for, their problems. Further aiding those in the field is the team's web site at www.ett.redstone.army.mil, and their hotline number, 313-1711. The team's goal is to find answers to customers' queries within 72 hours.

When considering revisions, the following must also be taken into account, Hagler said: cost, efficiency, and how new solutions might affect materials in question.

Getting it right is particularly important when fighting machines, such as Army helicopters, are affected. Hagler cites as an example the need to make sure new cleaning solvents don't harm helicopter parts, causing them to break off during flight, resulting in damage and possible loss of life.

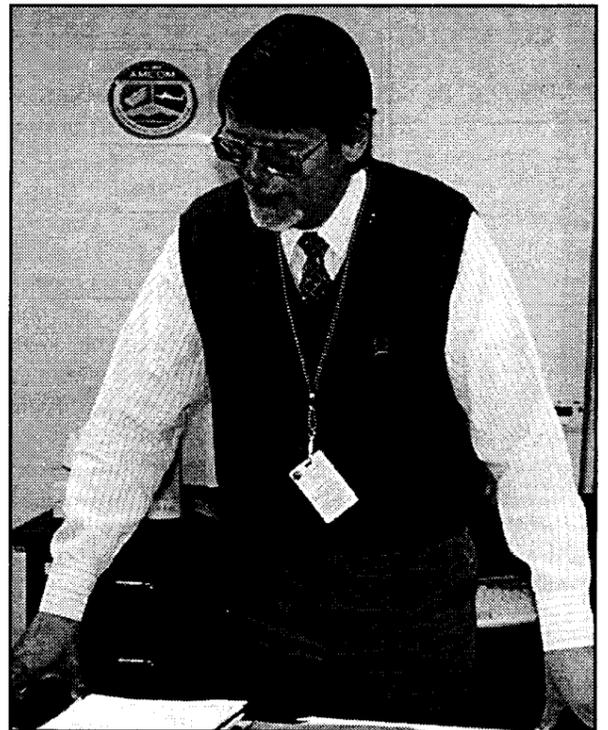


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OVERVIEW— Hagler reviews some of the new environmentally-safe techniques his team developed. This award-winning work has been recognized by the Pentagon.

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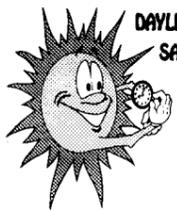
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Parade will open military children's month

The MWR Sales & Marketing office, phone 955-7399, listed the following events for Morale, Welfare and Recreation:

• **Month of the Military Child/Kickoff Parade**— Children from Child Development Center, Family Child Care and School Age Services will begin celebrating the Month of the Military Child with a kickoff Parade to take place Thursday at 10 a.m. The parade will begin at the Child Development Center, building 3145. Children, staff, providers and guests will march in celebration of this year's theme "Early Years are Learning Years, Make Them Count." For more information, call 876-7801.

• **Month of the Military Child/Talent Search**— Talent Search '99 is here! Children and teens ages 4-18 are encouraged to show off their talents, whether it's singing, dancing, or playing a musical instrument. Come celebrate the Month of the Military Child and enjoy entertainment for the entire family at Youth Services, building 3148 on April 9 at 6:30 p.m. Door prizes will be awarded and complimentary refreshments will be served. If you know of a child or teen between the ages of 4-18 that would be interested in performing in Talent Search '99, call 876-5437 to sign up. Prizes will be awarded in different age categories. The deadline to sign up is Thursday.

• **Month of the Military Child/Block Party**— It's time to get ready for this year's Block Party. The Month of the Military Child Block Party will be held April 17 from 1-4 p.m. at the Youth Center, building 3148 (rain date is April 18). Get the family together to celebrate this year's theme, "Early Years are Learning Years, Make Them Count." The Block Party has free food, entertainment and fun for everyone. There will be indoor and outdoor activities including Bingo, Face Painting, Cake Walk, Moon Bounce and much more. Special entertainment by American Indian Dancers and a Kardio Kickboxing demonstration will be a hit with children of all ages. For more information, call the Youth Center 876-2255.

• **Easter egg hunt**— An Easter egg hunt will be sponsored by Youth Services for the entire Redstone community. Bring your own basket on Saturday to the YS, building 3148. The Easter egg hunt will begin at the following times for different age groups: children 6 and under, 9:30 a.m.; 7-10 years old, 11 a.m.; 11 year olds and up, 12:30 p.m. First, second and third place will be awarded for each age group. For more information, call 876-2255.

• **Easter brunch**— An Easter Buffet will be held 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. April 4 at the Redstone Arsenal Club. This year the featured menu item is a carved glazed ham with a raisin sauce. Other entree items include blackened pork loin, stir fry beef, and herb roasted chicken. Side dishes include rice pilaf, whipped potatoes, rosemary red potatoes, green bean casserole, and corn o'brien. Salads include fresh tossed salad, cucumber and sour cream salad, tomato and onion salad, pasta salad, pickled beets, three bean salad, and cottage cheese. Desserts include assorted cobblers, fruit trifle and yogurt. Tickets went on sale March 9 on a first come first served basis. There is limited seating available. Ticket cost is \$12.50 for members and \$13.50 for non-members, children ages 7-12 cost is \$5.95, ages 6 and under eat free. For more information, call 830-2582.

• **Golf course**— The Redstone Arsenal Golf Course has benefits for everyone. Whether you golf daily or only when time permits, take advantage of the course that's only around the corner. For those who golf frequently, becoming an annual fee user can save you money. And for those of you who golf on occasion, the Redstone Arsenal Golf Course has the best prices in town. So if you are active duty, DoD civilian or NASA employee, go see what the Redstone Arsenal Golf Course has to offer you. For more information, call 883-7977.

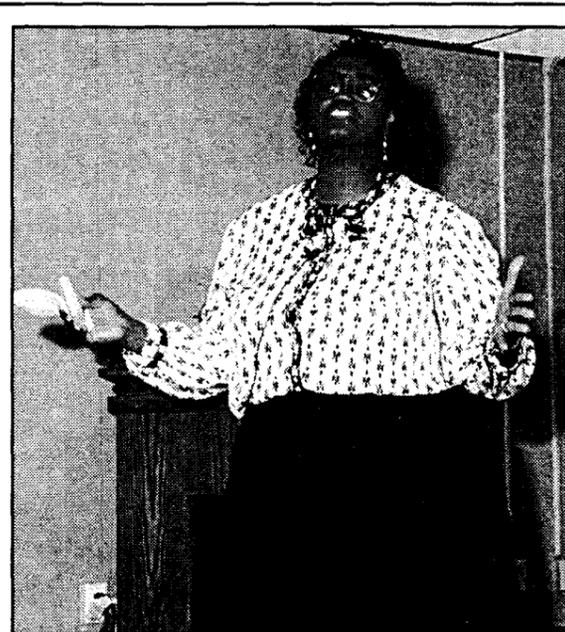
• **Redstone Arsenal Club members**— Join the Redstone Arsenal Club today and start receiving your \$5 dining coupon with each monthly statement. The Redstone Arsenal Club is open for lunch Tuesdays through Fridays from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Members receive a 10 percent discount when they present their MWR card. For more information on how Redstone Arsenal Club membership can benefit you, call 830-2582.

• **Wellness class**— Are you a golfer who neglects the importance of conditioning? You can be decreasing your swing faults, and at the same time improving your distance, consistency and posture. Combining golf specific flexibility and weight training can do all of this. On April 6 let Mike Pace, an exercise physiologist, show you beneficial exercises for golf. This class will be held in building 5301, room 1148 from 11 a.m. to noon April 6. Call the Wellness Center 955-6844 to register.

• **Blood pressure screening**— The Wellness Center will offer a free blood pressure screening on April 13 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. The screening will be held at the Wellness Center, building 4460, Digney Road. For more information, call 955-6844.

• **Office ergonomics**— Recent surveys show that ergonomic programs don't just reduce injuries; they improve morale, absenteeism, and productivity in the office environment. About 70 percent of employers polled reported increased productivity due to their recently implemented ergonomics programs. The Wellness Center will offer a Basic Office Ergonomics Class on April 15, building 5301, room 1148 from 11 a.m.-noon. For more information, call the Wellness Center 955-6844.

• **Tax class**— Are taxes a problem for you? Are you looking for a way to minimize the impact of taxes on your income? We can tackle next year's tax problems right now! Attend the Wellness Center's seminar on April 27, building 5301, room 1148, from 11 a.m.-noon. Scheduled speaker for the class is Kitty Davenport, an investment representative. To register call 955-6844.



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Dynamic talk...

Janice Isbell, test and evaluation engineer in PEO-Apache Attack Helicopter Office, discussed "Group Dynamics" at Consideration of Others training for the Army TACMS/Bat Project Office, March 2 and 9.

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In recognition of defense work...

Team Redstone members up for awards

The Tennessee Valley Chapter of the National Defense Industrial Association will be making annual awards April 20 at the Redstone Arsenal Club. This year marks the beginning of a new series of awards for both the government and supporting contractor community.

These awards are the Defense Management Awards and the Defense Technology Awards. There were six nominations from government agencies for the Defense Management Award and eight nominations for the Defense Technology Award. Nominations can only be made by the program manager, director, or commander of the individual's organization. In recognition of this honor, each nominee will receive a certificate from the NDIA acknowledging his or her nomination.

Defense Management Award nominees include the following:

- Keith Roberson, deputy project manager, Utility Helicopters for his federal civilian career as an acquisition manager with various programs since 1982. Roberson specifically was highlighted for his efforts with the Utility Helicopters Fleet Modernization Trade Studies.
- A.Q. Oldacre, deputy program executive officer, PEO Air and Missile Defense for his distinguished career of service with the PEO AMD and the Patriot Project Office. He was specifically highlighted for his international efforts with the Roland, Patriot, and MEADS programs.
- Donald Barker, deputy project manager for the Army Tactical Missile System/BAT Project Office for his service to numerous missile project offices since 1971. Barker was highlighted for his management activities associated with the testing, production, and fielding of the Army TACMS missile system, Blocks I and IA.
- Max Jones, engineer with the Ground Based Elements Program Office, National Missile Defense Joint Program Office for efforts in assisting in the development of ballistic missile defensive systems. He has worked with the following programs; the Airborne Optical Adjunct Project Office, the Airborne Surveillance Testbed Office, and the Global Protection Against Limited Strikes Program.
- Donald Adams, chief, Systems Engineering Division, Patriot Project Office for his career in support of the Patriot Air and Missile Defense System. Adams was specifically nominated for his leadership in the development of the PAC-2 system in support of Desert Storm.
- Ken Carroll, recently-retired assistant commandant at Ordnance Missile and Munitions Center and School, for his service of over four decades to training the men and women of the Ordnance Corps. He was an instructor for over 22 years on systems ranging from Redstone to Persh-

ing II, the director of support, and assistant commandant. He retired at the end of February.

Defense Technology Award nominees include the following:

- Barry Beavers, acting chief for the Logistics Management Division, Air-to-Ground Missile Systems (AGMS) Project Office for his role in the logistical support of systems managed by AGMS. His contribution toward reducing the operations and support costs of these systems was specifically noted.
- David Lizotte Sr., a senior logistics management specialist with the Utility Helicopters Project Office, for his management of the T700 series General Electric Engines. Lizotte was the team leader for solving the Overspeed and Drain Valve malfunction of the T700 engine in 1998 and 1999.
- Wallace Newcomb, assistant project manager for the UH-1 aircraft, for his role in the sustainment of these aircraft worldwide. He was instrumental in determining the root cause of the N2 failures of the T53 engine.
- Michael Herbst, test and integration team leader, Utility Helicopters, for his role in improving the life limits of the T700 engine. He conducted numerous analyses of parts and components of the engine to isolate the life-reducing causes of a particular design characteristic.
- Sherry Sexton, acting director of Washington operations for the Program Executive Office, Air and Missile Defense for her efforts in providing a vital link between the PEO and the DoD organizations, congressional staffs, and members of Congress. She was also cited for her efforts in the establishment of a Joint Tactical Information Distribution System Net Design Facility.
- Maj. Arnold Rothlein, systems integration officer, exercises and training division, Space and Missile Defense Battle Lab for his efforts to provide long distance training to the 32nd Army Air and Missile Defense Command. This concept allowed the AAMDC to train while deployed at Camp Doha, Kuwait using the simulation capabilities of the SMDBL.
- Amelia Hatchett, program analyst, Program and Acquisition Management Division, Ground Based Elements Program Office, National Missile Defense Joint Program Office for her contributions to the acquisition process of the national missile defense program. She has been commended for her work in the areas of source selection evaluation boards and milestone decision reviews.
- Lt. Col. Ralph Merrill, assistant project manager for

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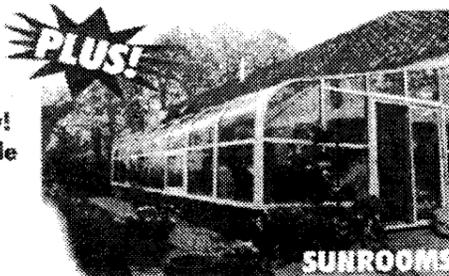


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In scholastic competition...

Coach directs team on winning Odyssey of the Mind locally

By Sandy Riebeling

To win, or not to win; it was never a question for the Odyssey of the Mind team from Monrovia Middle School, coached by Sharon Bocclair, Intelligence and Security Directorate operations officer at Redstone. Bocclair's team took first place at the OM competition March 6 at Madison County High School and Bocclair won a personal award as Outstanding OMer coach.

Odyssey of the Mind is a worldwide competition to help children develop creative thinking and problem-solving skills. Each year the competition offers a list of five "problems" for the teams to choose from. Each problem comes with certain criteria that the team has to work within to create their OM entry.

"This year the kids wrote a play," Bocclair said. "It had to have a scene from a Shakespeare play, and they chose a scene from MacBeth. The kids had to create a humorous character within the play, write and perform original music and lyrics, and tie into the performance a true historical event. They also had to develop a technical element that worked without their assistance."

Bocclair began meeting with her team of seven students in grades 5-8 last October. They selected a problem and got to work.

"As the coach, I am not allowed to tell them what to do," Bocclair said. "I help them to understand the rules and make sure they don't get penalized for going over their time limit or not including a required element. The kids do all the work."

All the work? Not hardly, according to Monrovia Middle School teacher and team sponsor Neena Kemp, who nominated Bocclair for the outstanding OMer coach award.

"She was always taking the kids here or there, picking up supplies, bringing the kids to her house to work," Kemp said. "All you had to do was ask and you could count on her to get it done. She was a wonderful coach for the team."

Bocclair's involvement with the OM competition stems from her belief that not all children can flourish through traditional school activities.

"I wanted these kids to know that you don't have to play sports to accomplish something great," Bocclair said. "OM is great because it makes learning fun. The kids can use their minds and creative thinking to solve problems. It also builds communication skills and teamwork."

She first became a coach last year after her son, Nate, came to her and asked her to help with his team.

"She's great," Nate said. "She gives us the confidence we need to hang in there. I was happy when she got the award because I thought she was the best coach."

Her coaching philosophy is simple— you have to find things to like about the people on your team. Bocclair even went so far as having each team member list several positive qualities about their peers.



Photo by Sandy Riebeling

BRAINSTORMING— Coming up with a winning OM performance takes a lot of communication and teamwork. Practicing for the spontaneous portion of the competition are, from left, Sebastian Jacobi, Nate Bocclair,

Adam Roberts, Matt Boardman (on floor), Emily Roberson, Corinna Brewer, Coach Sharon Bocclair, Destiny Hall and teacher sponsor Nene Kemp.

"I don't have a lot of fussing," she said. "They know they have to work together and agree on the project before they can move forward. They have to work together to get it done."

Getting it done means writing the play, memorizing and performing parts, building and painting props, creating costumes. Everything the students use must somehow be altered by the team.

Bocclair spends several hours a week working with the team. As the competition gets closer, the hours increase. The weekend before the competition she had them all over at her home where they built and stored their props for the play.

"She's a great coach," said team member Destiny Hall. "She deals with us. She doesn't get mad. She doesn't quit. And she brings us cheeseburgers."

"I try to go by and pick up something for the kids when we meet," Bocclair said. "They've been working at school all day and then we practice for a couple of hours after school. It's a long day for them. They need a little snack, McDonald's, Krystals, so they can do their best work."

Besides the long-term (play) portion of the competition, Bocclair works with the students to develop their spontaneous skills in which they are given a simple word, such as green, and then have to come up with associated words as quickly as possible, each taking turns until they run out of

time or words. The team is given a score for this round which is combined with the long-term score.

The third part of the competition is style. In this part the team selects a costume, a scene from the play, and two free choices which are presented for judging.

The entire entry must cost less than \$100.

"We get most of our stuff from junking," Bocclair said. "Someone donated a trunk of costumes that we used, with alterations."

The team will continue to work on their performance as they prepare for the state competition in April in Birmingham.

"We won at regionals last year and came in third at state," Bocclair said. "We're shooting for the World competition held in Tennessee this year."

To prepare and compete takes a lot of Bocclair's time and she takes time to acknowledge the support of her husband, Nate, and her supervisor, Col. Douglas Brouillette.

"My boss lets me work through my lunch so I can leave early a couple of days a week," she said. "You've got to have a good supervisor if you're going to be doing a lot of volunteer work away from the office."

Four of the team members, Sebastian Jacobi, Destiny Hall, Emily Roberson and Nate Bocclair, have parents who work at Redstone. Other team members include Adam Roberts, who won Outstanding OMer student, Matt Boardman and Corinna Brewer.

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Pro hoops forecast...

Miami, Indiana are new beasts of the East in NBA season

By Tommy Harris

What's the forecast in this lockout-shortened NBA season?

Here's a look at my team-by-team predictions in the Eastern Conference of the National Basketball Association:

Atlantic Division

• **1. Miami Heat**— The trade that sent C Ike Austin to the Clippers for G Brent Barry before the trading deadline last season turned out to be a huge mistake. Barry never fit into Pat Riley's system and eventually signed with the Bulls. Austin would have provided strong support for Miami during the playoffs. This offseason, the Heat added G Terry Porter and F Clarence Weatherspoon. Both should provide some bench help, but the Heat still are not as deep as Riley would like. PG Tim Hardaway remains one of the best guards in the East. Hardaway is a clutch performer who will hold his own. The same, however, cannot always be said for C Alonzo Mourning and F Jamal Mashburn. It seems that Mashburn always gets injured prior to the playoffs and Mourning doesn't always play up to his potential. PF P.J. Brown has stepped up this season and is playing well at power forward. G Dan Majerle is also still around for launching 3's. Prediction: Playoff bound, but have cooled off too much for a title run.

• **2. Orlando Magic**— Guard Penny Hardaway is finally healthy and hopefully back for a full season. Hardaway has missed more games than he has played the last two seasons. It is now time for him to lead this team to the next level. The Magic signed free agent C Ike Austin in the offseason. Austin gives them a power center to go along with underrated F Bo Outlaw and veteran F Horace Grant. Coach Chuck Daly will utilize the talent he now has to the fullest. G Nick Anderson has been moved to the shooting guard and his numbers have increased. However, Anderson can be a liability in crucial situations. PG Darrell Armstrong has also played well this year allowing Penny to play at the 2 and 3 positions. Prediction: The Magic will make the playoffs and could be the surprise team in the Atlantic.

• **3. New York Knicks**— After the lockout was lifted, the Knicks traded G John Starks and F Chris Mills for G Latrell Sprewell. Granted, Sprewell is one of the best shooting guards in the league and can play great defense. But he isn't going to do for the Knicks what Jordan did for the Bulls. That role goes to G Allan Houston. Houston stepped up his game in the playoffs, but he can't do it all. C Patrick Ewing, who appeared vastly out of shape during the lockout, is on his last leg of quality production. The Knicks also traded PF Charles Oakley for F Marcus Camby. Why? Oakley's rebounding and mentality are not going to be replaced by the underachieving Camby. Now the Knicks seem soft in the middle. F Larry Johnson continues to earn high dollars for low quality play. At the point guard, neither Chris Childs nor Charlie Ward have what it takes to lead the Knicks to the Finals. Prediction: Playoff bound, Van Gundy will be fired, and the Knicks will choke ... literally!

• **4. Philadelphia 76ers**— The Sixers have jumped out to a quick start this season. G Allen Iverson has played at a superior level and could compete for MVP honors. This offseason, the Sixers signed free agent C Matt Geiger, resigned shot-blocking F Theo Ratliff, and drafted G Larry Hughes. Prior to the trading deadline, the Sixers also traded F Tim Thomas to the Bucks for rebounder PF Tyrone Hill. The 76ers will go as Iverson goes. With his cat-quick crossover, Iverson is one of the hardest players to stop in the open floor. Without Iverson, this team will struggle. Philly should do much better in rebounding this season but will need time to gel. Prediction: Much improved from last season, and will be one of several teams fighting for playoff spot No. 8.

• **5. Boston Celtics**— Coach Rick Pitino turned the Celtics around in his first season and more than doubled the wins from the previous season. The Celtics had the luck of the leprechaun during the draft and ended up with F Paul Pierce. Pierce has played extremely well and will contend for Rookie of the Year honors. The Celtics also traded C Travis Knight to the Lakers for PF Tony Battie and traded PF Andrew DeClercq to the Cavaliers for C Vitaly Potapenko. Battie runs the court well and plays good defense. Potapenko, one of the strongest players in the league, has a good low-post game and is more of a center than DeClercq. Pitino's former Kentucky players F Antoine Walker, G Ron Mercer, and F Walter McCarty are back along with free agent PF Popeye Jones and veteran PG Kenny Anderson. Boston will be improved over the

previous season, but needs another quality free agent, or two, before becoming a yearly fixture in the playoffs. Prediction: Will fight for the eighth playoff spot, but prepare for another year in the lottery.

• **6. New Jersey Nets**— This offseason, PF Jayson Williams got the enormous contract he was seeking. Williams is a terror on the boards and will score a few points, too. Most points, though, will come from F Keith Van Horn. Van Horn was a rookie sensation with great range and the ability to score. The Nets also traded for C Jim McIlvaine. However, the Nets are going to quickly understand why the Sonics were eager to trade him and his large salary. Before the trading deadline, the Nets acquired PG Stephon Marbury. Marbury is one of the best young point guards in the league and should help the Nets out of the slow start this season. G Kerry Kittles and G Kendall Gill are adequate for backcourt support. The Nets still lack another power player in the paint. Last minute report— Coach John Calipari was fired. Prediction: Marbury should help the Nets improve, but I believe it's too late for any playoff hopes.

• **7. Washington Wizards**— During the offseason, GM Wes Unseld shipped PF Chris Webber off to Sacramento for G Mitch Richmond and PF Otis Thorpe. Thorpe will provide help on the boards. The Wizards also resigned PG Rod Strickland. Strickland and Richmond may form the best veteran backcourt in the NBA. However, Webber's 20-10 potential is going to be hard to replace. It's now time for PF Juwon Howard to prove his worth. G/F Calbert Chaney is too inconsistent. The rest of the team is lacking

in talent. Prediction: Will miss the playoffs and could lose enough games to end up in the Atlantic cellar.

Central Division

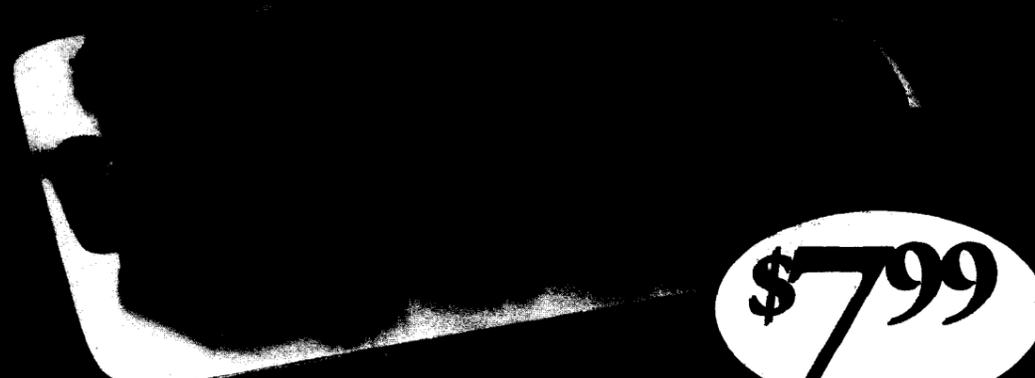
• **1. Indiana Pacers**— Coach Larry Bird quickly rubbed off on his players in his first year, taking them to the Eastern Conference Finals. They came within a couple of baskets of beating the Bulls. The Pacers are a big team. C Rik Smits, the Davis Boys— Antonio and Dale — and free agent pickup PF Sam Perkins make up this monster frontline. Indiana should do very well in the rebounding and blocked shots categories. Add two terrific outside shooters in G Reggie Miller and G Chris Mullin and the court should be available for PG Mark Jackson to earn the assist. Although Jackson may be one of the NBA leaders in assists per game, he's a defensive liability against the quicker point guards. G Jalen Rose and PG Travis Best provided quality backcourt help throughout last year's playoff games. The Pacers are as deep as any team in the East and come playoff time, they are going to give somebody fits with pick after pick in the half court set. Prediction: With Michael & Company gone, the Pacers should win the East and could win it all!

• **2. Atlanta Hawks**— Here is a team that is a Michael Jordan clone away from ruling with the Pacers. G Steve Smith remains the catalyst and clutch performer of this team. Without Smith, the Hawks are a lottery team. C Dikembe Mutombo continues his dominance of blocking shots and does a solid job of rebounding. PF Alan Hen-

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NATO pilots down 3 Serb planes

By Linda D. Kozaryn

WASHINGTON— NATO forces struck more than 40 military targets and shot down three Serb fighters March 24 during the first wave of air attacks aimed at ending the Kosovo crisis.

"There was not a lot of air defense fire at the ingressing forces," said U.S. Army Gen. Wesley Clark, Operation Allied Force

commander. "We know (Yugoslavia) has some formidable capabilities. We just didn't see them last night."

The allies' principal opposition was some fighter aircraft, Clark said. Allied forces detected, engaged and destroyed at least three MiG-29s, Yugoslavia's most modern and capable fighter. Two U.S. F-15s and a Dutch F-16 claimed the kills. (American Forces Press Service)

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Steve Jenson, D Company, 876-8584; SSgt. Steven Booker, D Company, 842-2119; SFC Bruce Leingang, Meddac, 876-5797; Spec. Lynn Hatch, Meddac, 955-6308; and Sgt. Marcus Watham, Marine Detachment, 876-4086.

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OFFICER

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those years as a dog handler and trainer," Thompson said, explaining how he first became involved as a K-9 cop. "I was stationed in Adak, Alaska. We had problems when we would have these hundred man fights. There just wasn't enough officers to deal with them. So I went to a school at Lackland Air Force Base near San Antonio and trained with a dog for eight weeks, then went back to Alaska, with the dog.

"The fights don't last long when a dog shows up."

During K-9 training, Thompson was

matched with a "green dog" which is one that has been screened to make sure he will bite. Care for the dog was Thompson's responsibility. He also had to build a rapport with the dog as they trained on the obstacle course, searching and scouting. He also worked with the animal on controlled aggression, which basically means getting the dog to bite when and who he wants him to.

After Thompson left the Navy in 1991, he worked as a detention officer in the Huntsville jail and then came to Redstone in 1996. He attended the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center in Georgia for eight weeks then went to a dog handling school for 12 weeks. He's been training with Mike ever since.

K-9 training is something that must be continually maintained. Thompson runs Mike through the obstacle course, works with controlled aggression and performs building searches and scouting, which is tracking through a scent in the air rather than on the ground.

"Dogs have to be taught to do a lot of things that go against their nature, like biting," Thompson said. "They don't do that instinctively. And getting them to climb stairs and crawl through tunnels are some of the other things dogs don't naturally do.

"Beside our regular patrol, we try and do a lot of community support activities like crime prevention and block parties," he said. "Mike is always a big hit with the

kids." Although Thompson is very pleased with the award, he says that the work is a team effort and he's grateful for all the support he and the unit receive.

"We are the only civilian K-9 unit in the Army. It is my goal that we will be the ones to set the standard of excellence that everyone else looks to—that other units are modeled after ours," Thompson said. "I have to thank the other dog handlers who take up the slack when I'm gone on assignment, the Provost Marshal Office for the support and the vet clinic for their help providing routine and emergency care for the dogs as well as getting health certificates when necessary."



Courtesy photo

International visitors...

Members of the International Services Council of Huntsville/Madison County attended the national conference of the National Council for International Visitors held March 11-13 in Washington, D.C. From left are Betty Farquhar, second vice president; Bee Bentley, first vice president; and Demy Robley, president.

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Safe slide...

Playground safety was among the topics at a Parenting Workshop sponsored by Child Development Services. From left are Sandra Jackson, a safety inspector; Cassandra Vaughn, a par-

ent; Evelyn Carnes, director of family child care, supplemental programs and services; Charlotte Jones, family child care clerk; and Helena Tate, training and curriculum specialist, CDS.

THAAD missile misses target

The Ballistic Missile Defense Organization and the Army announced Monday that a Theater High Altitude Area Defense (THAAD) interceptor did not achieve intercept of a Hera missile target in a flight test at the White Sands Missile Range, N.M. The flight did, however, provide additional data that will be usable in future development of theater missile defense systems.

The test occurred at high altitude over the central portion of the White Sands National Missile Range. The Hera target, which simulated a Scud ballistic missile

such as those seen during Operation Desert Storm, was launched seven minutes before the intercept test. All THAAD elements participated, demonstrating integrated performance of the entire system. This test incorporated an upgraded seeker on the missile and corrected numerous problems encountered on earlier intercept attempts.

Monday's test was the ninth in a planned series of THAAD Program Definition and Risk Reduction flight tests to verify the THAAD prototype design and performance of the system components. (DoD release)

CCAWS Project Office workers receive individual recognition

The following members of Close Combat Anti-Armor Weapon System (CCAWS) Project Office have received awards recently:

- John Bennett, Special Act
- Hunter Brandon, Special Act
- Sandra Byars-Smith, Special Act
- Janice Churchey, Special Act
- Eduardo De La Paz, Special Act
- Jerald Green, Special Act
- Leah Green, Special Act
- Arlene Harris, Special Act
- John Harris, Special Act
- Tom Hart, Special Act
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- James P. Hooper, Special Act
- Rick Llewelyn, Special Act
- David Noble, Special Act
- Michael Parmenter, Special Act
- Marie Plyler, Special Act
- Richard Ray, Special Act
- Mark Rusak, Special Act
- Gene Sanders, Special Act
- Eugene Stiefel, Special Act
- Barry Thrower, Special Act
- Carol Tucker, Special Act
- Judy Polly, Special Act
- Shelia Thompson, Special Act
- Julia Vaughn, Special Act

- Arthur R. Asson, Performance Award
- Barry Blake, Performance Award
- Reagor Branch, Performance Award
- Janice Churchey, Performance Award
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person was resigned and has played very well at the power forward position. PG Mookie Blaylock is an excellent defender but he is unable to play effectively at the point for 40 plus minutes. Backcourt depth is a concern. The Hawks signed free agent F LaPhonso Ellis in the offseason, but he's not the Jordan clone to take them to the next level. A good starting five, but a subpar bench. Prediction: The Hawks will make the playoffs, but will be the victims of an early departure.

• **3. Milwaukee Bucks**— Milwaukee has made some huge changes since last season. First, George Karl was hired in as head coach. Karl is a defensive-minded coach and will probably make the most out of the Bucks' talent. Forward "Big Dog" Glenn Robinson needs to step it up now and lead this team every night, if the Bucks are to contend. I think the Bucks also have one of the best young talents in G Ray Allen. No doubt about it: He Got Game! Allen is a 20 point, five-rebound, five-assist man every night. The Bucks signed free agent sharp shooter G Del Curry and then made a couple of moves prior to the trading deadline. The Bucks sent PG Terrell Brandon and baggage in a three-way-trade for PF Chris Gatling and PG Sam Cassell. Then sent PF Tyrone Hill to Philly for F Tim Thomas. Gatling has a good low-post game is adequate for rebounding. Thomas is young, but has a lot of athletic ability. Cassell is the key. When healthy, Cassell is one of the five best point guards in the East, especially during the playoffs. The Bucks are no

longer a team to take lightly any more, but they must find a way to consistently rebound well because they are small in the middle. Prediction: The trades made before the deadline makes Milwaukee a playoff team, but nothing further.

• **4. Detroit Pistons**— The Pistons fans often wonder how they could have ever let G Allan Houston get away! Since Houston's departure, F Grant Hill has had to carry an even larger load on his back. With Jordan gone, Hill may be the best all-around player in the East. Hill has triple-double potential. G Jerry Stackhouse has tried to fill Houston's shoes, but he has struggled with consistency in shooting and with defense. During the offseason, the Pistons signed free agent PF Loy Vought, traded for PF Christian Laettner, and C Brian Williams changed his name to Bison Dele. These three provide the only decent low-post scoring threat on the Pistons' roster. G Joe Dumars is on the very last leg of his career and Lindsey Hunter has yet to figure out whether he is a shooting guard or a point guard. The bench, well, let's not bother! Prediction: The Pistons will probably make the playoffs, but lack the personnel to advance.

• **5. Cleveland Cavaliers**— The Cavaliers lost C Zydrunas Ilgauskas for the season due to an injury. They then traded C Vitaly Potapenko to Boston for PF Andrew DeClercq. Now, the only inside threat Cleveland has is PF Shawn Kemp. The Cavaliers have several of those 6-foot-5 to 6-foot-6 guys like G Derek Anderson, G Bob Sura, and F Wesley Person. Anderson is more of a slasher, Person is the long bomber, and Sura is the everything else including some point. Speaking of point,

PG Brevin Knight came in as a rookie last season and played terrific. Knight is cat quick and one of the league leaders in steals. Mike Fratello is a quality coach and will look to utilize his youth in his up tempo style. However, the loss of Ilgauskas for the year is too big a blow. Prediction: Will barely miss the playoffs.

• **6. Charlotte Hornets**— During the off-season, the Hornets lost both C Matt Geiger and C Vlade Divac to free agency. The Hornets also started out this season without leading scorer F Glen Rice and suffered. Eventually Coach Dave Cowens quit then Rice, JR Reid, and BJ Armstrong were traded to the Lakers for G Eddie Jones and C Elden Campbell. This trade might actually jump-start the Hornets into a few wins. PG David Wesley and G Bobby Phills are excellent defenders, but neither has a good perimeter game. In the paint, Charlotte has F Anthony Mason and free agent signee PF Derrick Coleman. Coleman and Mason both are solid rebounders. Look for Charlotte to improve defensively overall. However, without Rice, Charlotte doesn't have a reliable 3-point threat. Prediction: Too many changes with too little time to gel. Look out lottery!

• **7. Toronto Raptors**— During the off-season, the Raptors made some interesting trades. They traded a couple of draft picks for PF Kevin Willis, traded F Marcus Camby for PF Charles Oakley, and traded G Chauncey Billups for PG Michael Williams. In a draft day trade, the Raptors added F Vince Carter. Carter has been a surprise this season and is one of the league leading scorers for rookies. Oakley and Willis will provide some much-needed muscle in the rebounding and hard fouls

departments. Williams doesn't offer much at the point other than defense. Other players like F Tracy McGrady, G Doug Christie, G Dee Brown, and F John Wallace remain. Rumors had both Christie and Wallace in line for trades, but nothing ever transpired. McGrady is still young and raw; however, those comparisons to Kobe were total fabrication. Christie is a solid defender and slasher. Brown can shoot a few 3's and Wallace is more of a power forward-small forward tweener. Although on paper, the Raptors appear better than last season, they need stability throughout the organization before this team ever gets out of the cellar. Prediction: A fixture in the lottery for years to come.

• **8. Chicago Bulls**— Just think, last season the Bulls were the NBA champions. But now— no more Jordan, no more Pippen, no more Rodman, no more Longley, no more Kerr. Where are all of you diehard Bulls fans now? Hopefully, not selling out to another team and joining its bandwagon! F Toni Kukoc, G Ron Harper, G Randy Brown, and PF Bill Wennington are all that remain from that championship team. The Bulls signed free agent G Brent Barry and have started their rebuilding process. The Bulls will have a bunch of money to spend on free agents after this season. It will take years for Chicago to rebuild back to anything close to the Bulls of the '90s. Prediction: Welcome to lottery land!

(Editor's note: Harris, an operations research analyst in the Technology Integration Office, writes sports articles in his spare time at home. Comments can be sent to sportalk@traveller.com.)

To avoid legal headaches...

How do you spell relief? Try R-E-S-I-D-E-N-C-Y

By Andrew Sinn

Active duty servicemembers should ask themselves "What is my state of legal residence?"

State residence is important when receiving active duty military pay.

Under the Soldiers' and Sailors' Civil Relief Act (SSCRA), active duty military income may be taxed only by the state where the servicemember declares residence. In other words, a soldier who claims Illinois as his/her state of legal residence is not required to pay state taxes to Alabama on active duty military pay simply because he/she is stationed in Alabama. The soldier would be required to pay state income taxes to Illinois; however, Illinois is one of the states that elected not to tax active duty pay. Soldiers typically live in more than one state during their careers and this sometimes presents problems.

If soldiers are not careful, then they could be setting themselves up for legal headaches. States are analyzing the "tapes" (computer databases) provided to them by the Internal Revenue Service. The states are looking to see people with an address in that state who have filed a federal return but not a state return. For example, a soldier that lives in Huntsville files a federal return but not an Alabama state return because he/she is a resident of Illinois. Each state follows its own procedures and ultimately the state may decide that the soldier should have filed a return. That state may notify the soldier that he/she owes back-taxes plus

interest charges to that state. The soldier must respond to that notice. The burden is then on the soldier to prove that he/she was not a legal resident of that state seeking to assess back-taxes. For example, the soldier who is a resident of Illinois may have to prove to Alabama that he/she is not a resident of Alabama. The problem is that soldiers often place their resident status in doubt by leaving legal tracks in more than one state.

"Legal residence" means that you are considered a citizen of that particular state. Once acquired, it remains the same (even if you travel to and live in other states on military orders) until you affirmatively abandon the old legal residence and establish a new legal residence. There is not any clear-cut or bright line test for determining whether you have effectively changed your state of legal residence. Legal residency for tax purposes is ultimately determined in accordance with each state's laws. It is normally accomplished by your physical presence in that state, plus a desire to be a permanent citizen of that state (and this is indicated by your overt, physical acts). Some key connections (some states consider some factors more important than others) include:

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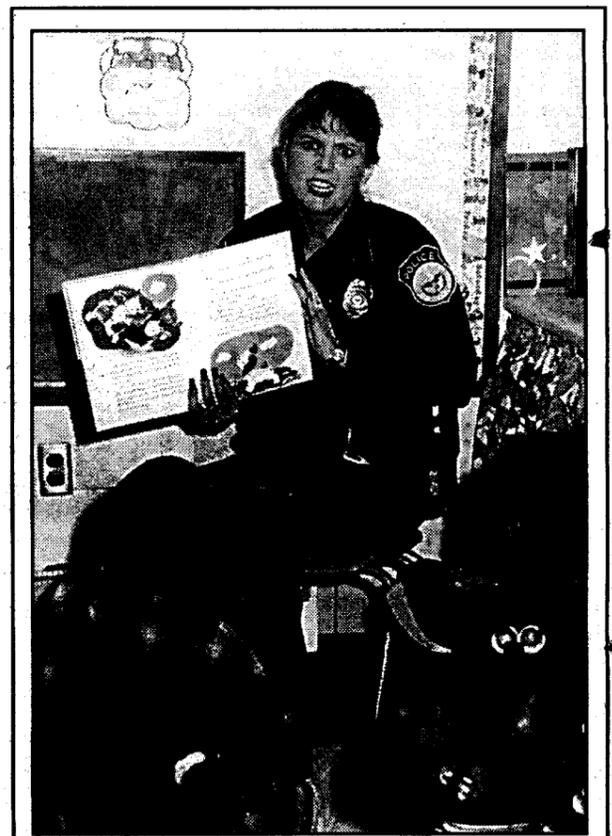
The aforementioned factors are primary indicators of your state of legal residence. Soldiers must be careful not to have connections with too many different states. Try to maintain critical connections only to the state you consider yourself a resident of.

Some soldiers intentionally try to change their state of legal residence. For example, a soldier may want to be a resident of a state that does not tax military pay. If you still maintain connections to your old state of legal residence, you may have difficulty proving to that old state that you have abandoned it in favor of a new state of legal residence. The old state may still demand payment of taxes.

Please note that DD Form 2058 is only one connection and filling it out does not automatically make you a resident of the state shown on your LES. Also, Home of Record (HOR) is a term of significance only for the military for purposes of travel entitlements.

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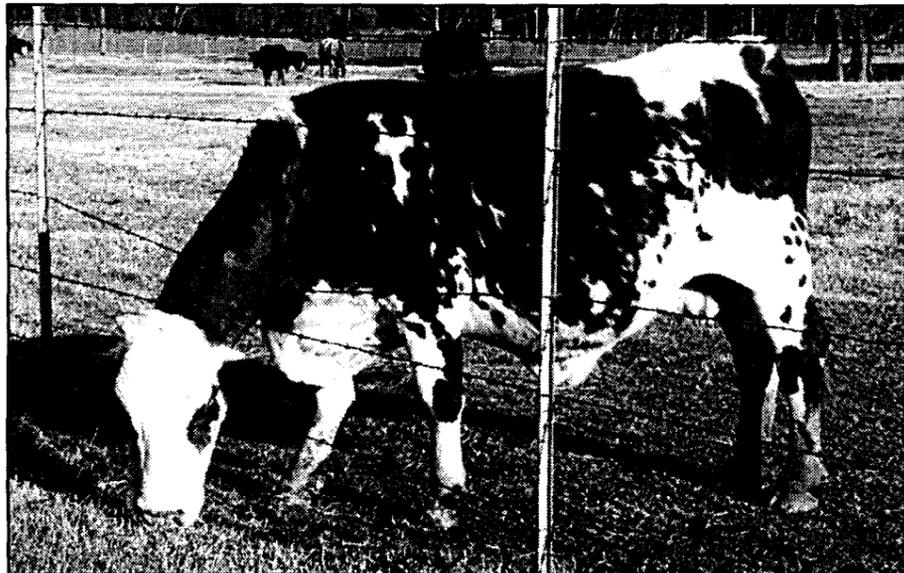


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Army negotiates agricultural land leases with local farmers

By June Johns

You're driving along through Redstone Arsenal, minding your own business, when all of a sudden you look out your car window and wonder... hey, just what are all those cows doing grazing on Army land?!! No, these cloven-hoofed bovines are not for military target practice, as some cheeky co-worker might have told you.

A call to Roger Schwerman, chief of Installation Management Division, solves the riddle. They're there because of agricultural land leases that the Army negotiates with local farmers.

Local Army land is leased for agricultural purposes "not so much for the money (it generates), but (because it) reduces maintenance costs for the Arsenal," Schwerman said. It is "more of an income reduction or avoidance than an income stream."

This leasing of Arsenal land, which is strictly devoted to agricultural uses such as cattle grazing and hay production (row crops are not permitted), began shortly after the second World War, according to Schwerman.

This leasing program is also alive and well in locations other than Redstone Arsenal. Schwerman works with additional leasing efforts for Army installations in Illinois, Texas, North Carolina and Pennsylvania.

Although primarily used for the same purposes as Redstone Arsenal land, there has been an occasional experiment in alternate uses of property in some of these other locations. Take for example Pennsylvania, where an effort was made to raise pheasants. "Foxes ate all the birds," reports Schwerman.

This pheasant fiasco fizzled and now this land lays fallow.

Oh well, at least we've solved the mystery of the bovines.



Photo by Skip Vaughn

Unit commander...

Capt. James Stevison is congratulated by Brig. Gen. Robert Armbruster, right, deputy for systems acquisition, after assuming command Friday of the 95th

Maintenance Company (TMDE). Stevison succeeded Capt. Brian Clubb who will become an instructor at the Ordnance Missile and Munitions Center and School.

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(they may owe taxes to their state of legal residence or the state in which the income was earned).

Finally, it is very important to review and promptly respond to any notices that you receive from state departments of revenue.

Please stop by the Office of the Staff

Judge Advocate, building 111, and pick up free information packets on many legal issues such as consumer protection, divorce, child custody, small claims court, etc. To meet with the legal assistance attorney, persons eligible for legal assistance must schedule an appointment by calling 876-9005. You may still contact the Tax Center at 876-1235.

(Editor's note: Capt. Sinn is legal assistance attorney in the Office of the Staff Judge Advocate.)

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Health Matters

Redstone youth

Youths interested in rewarding volunteer work for the summer are invited to the Redstone Red Cross Summer Youth Program's teen orientation at 5:30 p.m. May 11 at the Red Cross chapter house in Huntsville. Teens age 14 with a valid military ID are eligible to participate in this program. For more information, call the Red Cross chapter house 536-0084.

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.



Sports & Recreation

AER bass tourney

The AER Team Bass Tournament will be held April 24 at Riverwalk Marina, Decatur. Fishing begins at safe light (about 5:50 a.m.), and the weigh-in at 3 p.m. Boat inspection/registration begins at 4:30 a.m. at the ramp. Competitors must be 18 or older with a valid Alabama State Fishing License. Cost is \$85 per team (\$5 to Big Fish, 30 percent to Army Emergency Relief, 70 percent to winners). Five fish

limit, minimum 12-inch length. A safety briefing will be held at 5:30 a.m.; one partner must attend. First to register, first to launch. Cash only at the ramp. Limited to two persons per boat. Prizes, based on 50 boats, range from \$1,000 for first place to \$100 for seventh, with \$250 for Big Bass. For more information, call Gary Wilson 876-4107 or 772-3732 (after 4 p.m.).

Stars baseball

The Civilian Welfare Fund Council has tickets available for Huntsville Stars vs. Carolina Mudcats baseball game May 21 at 7:05 p.m. at Joe Davis Stadium. Tickets are general admission for \$1. This game features the Chicken; and there will be fireworks after the game. For more information, call Debbie Donius 313-4010, building 5681; Charlie Urban 876-3192, building 4488; or Cheryl Younghaus 955-0688, Sparkman Center.



Miscellaneous

Commissary news

The Commissary will be closed on Easter Sunday, April 4... The Commissary's new website is www.redstone.army.mil. Then under "other areas of interest," choose "Commissary."

Redstone water

Northrop Grumman will be flushing the drinking water distribution system at Redstone Arsenal in order to maintain drinking water quality. They will be systematically

flushing the entire system in small sections starting March 22. Flushing will continue for approximately four months. Building custodians will be notified when Northrop Grumman personnel are flushing in your area. While the flushing is in progress, it is possible that water service will be interrupted for brief periods of time, and some fluctuations in water quality may occur. If you have any questions or concerns, call Michelle Stewart 876-1001 or Michael Wassell 876-8607. The drinking water system will be flushed two times during this four month period, so do not be alarmed when you receive a second notification that flushing is occurring in your area. Flushing of the drinking water system will take place yearly thereafter.

Computer security

The increased use of the Internet leave many military systems vulnerable to hackers. Military computer security officials are said to be fighting a "cyberwar." To combat this problem, the Aviation and Missile Command has teamed up with the Ballistic Missile Defense Organization to sponsor an Information Assurance Conference and Exposition, April 14-15 at the Sparkman Auditorium. This free conference's theme is "Information Assurance Today—Dominant Weapon Systems Tomorrow." This conference will held from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. each day, with exposition hours running from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. daily. Some of the April 14 seminars will require a security clearance. Request forms can be found online. To register, and to obtain further

details including a complete list of seminars, visit the web site www.TechnologyForums.com or call the Intelligence & Security Directorate 842-7512 or 876-5811.

NCO scholarships

The Active and Retired NCO Spouses Club will award one or more scholarships to graduating high school seniors. Applicants must be military family members whose sponsor is active, retired or deceased E-4 or above. The application deadline is April 10. For more information, call Karen Horton 721-7713 or Laura Barber 721-9349.

Benefit walk/run

The Cystic Fibrosis Foundation will hold the third annual GREAT STRIDES Walk/Run on April 18 at 1 p.m. in Big Spring Park. It is a 10K (6.2) mile corporate walk held in different cities across the United States each year. Last year Huntsville raised \$18,000 for the foundation. The goal this year is \$22,000. All walkers are asked to raise a minimum of \$75 in donations which should be turned in on event day. T-shirts and other prizes can be won based on the amount of money collected. Music and refreshments will be provided after the walk. For more information, call the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation (205) 823-9113.

CFC agencies

Applications for the 1999 Tennessee Valley Combined Federal Campaign will be accepted from April 1-30. By federal regulations, only human health and welfare agencies recognized by the Internal Revenue



Photo by Margaret Banish-Donaldson

Work/lunch buddies...

Patsy Richardson, left, secretary, and her boss Nancy Rostollan, chief of business management office, Software Engineering Directorate, are both retir-

ing. Richardson is glad to not drive 73 miles each way every day; and Rostollan's looking forward to someday owning her own bed-and-breakfast place.

MEMBERS

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special projects, Patriot Project Office for his efforts in coordinating and facilitating the decision processes within the PEO AMD, the Army, and OSD to ensure that ground equipment upgrades remain on track for the year 2000 fielding. In addition, he is coordinating the decision reviews for the Patriot PAC-3 missile.

The non-government organizations in the Huntsville community have also nominated individuals for these awards. The Tennessee Valley Chapter intends on awarding two awards for the Defense Management Award (one from a government organization and one from a non-govern-

ment organization). This award will consist of a \$2,000 savings bond, certificate, and plaque. In addition, these names will be placed on a plaque in the Space and Missile Defense Command building. The chapter intends on awarding four awards for the Defense Technology Award (two from government organizations and two from a non-government organization). This award will consist of a \$1,000 savings bond, certificate, and plaque.

In addition to these awards, the Medaris Award will also be presented. The chapter also provides to the University of Alabama-Huntsville, and Alabama A&M University with a book scholarship worth \$1,000 each. At the dinner, the recipients of these scholarships will be recognized. (Tennessee Valley Chapter NDIA release)

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Retired officers

The Retired Officers Association will hold its luncheon meeting today at 11 a.m. at the Redstone Arsenal Club. Mark Noble, director of Prism Sports Therapy, is scheduled speaker. For more information, call retired Capt. Albert L. Castelli 859-1340.

Asian-Pacific contests

In observance of Asian Pacific American Heritage Month, the AMCOM/OMMCS EEO/EO Office will hold an essay and display contest. Essays should be double spaced, two pages or less, and pertain to this year's theme, "Celebrating Our Legacy." Essays should be faxed by May 6 to 876-8947 or 842-6853, or mailed to Aviation and Missile Command, Attn.: AMSAM-EO (Clarenza Clark or SFC Anthony Pugh). Organizations that set up a static display should contact the AMCOM EEO Office. Displays must be ready by May 7; and judging will take place May 18. For more information call SFC Pugh 876-8648, SFC Quisenberry 876-9224, or Clarenza Clark 313-2825. Trophies will be awarded for the top two essays and the top three displays.

AMCOM town hall

The April 8 AMCOM Quarterly Town Hall Meeting — with Maj. Gen. Emmitt Gibson, commander of AMCOM and Redstone Arsenal — will feature two sessions. A session in the morning, beginning at 9 a.m. in the Sparkman Auditorium, will focus on Operation Smaller Footprint. That session will be only for those involved in and affected by the Operation. An afternoon session, beginning at 1:30 p.m., will be open for attendance by all, as in previous Town Hall Meetings. The afternoon session will be broadcast on Team Redstone television Channel 42. That session will also be taped, with rebroadcast on Channel 42 scheduled for 9 a.m. April 9. Agenda items will be published soon. Ten seats for the hearing impaired will be reserved in Section 7 of the Auditorium.

Newcomer orientation

Learn about Redstone Arsenal by attending the Army Community Service Newcomers' Orientation April 6, from 8:30 a.m. to noon, at building 3447. The orientation is mandatory for military personnel permanently assigned to Redstone. Spouses are encouraged to attend. Free child care is provided

at the Child Development Center. The child's shot records are required and you must sign in at the center. The orientation features speakers, information booths, and a bus tour of Redstone. For more information, call Mary Breeden 876-5397.

Retirement ceremony

The Quarterly Post Retirement Ceremony will be held at 4 p.m. April 15 behind building 3437 (HHC AMCOM). Rehearsal will be held at 8 a.m. April 14 in the same location. For more information call SFC Gordon, RASA Support Operations, 876-2819.

Plane crash memorial

A permanent memorial is planned at the site of the Southern Flight 242 crash of April 4, 1977 in New Hope, Ga. Anyone connected to this accident— which killed 72 people including nine from Redstone Arsenal — is invited to contact crash survivor Frederick Clemens, 132 N. Cottage Road, Sterling, Va., 20164-1382; phone (703) 450-3987.

Special forces

Special Forces is looking for professional enlisted and officer volunteers. If you are an enlisted soldier in pay grade E-4 through E-7 with a GT score of 100 or higher, or you are a commissioned officer in year group 1993 through 1997, you can apply for Special Forces training. For more information on Special Forces, access the web page at: www-benning.army.mil/fbhome/SForce/index.html or call the Special Forces Recruiting Team at Fort Benning, Ga., (706) 545-3079 or DSN 835-3079. Capt. Thomas Jarzen, SFC David Boyer and SFC Andy Wilson can answer your questions.

Logistics symposium

The Logistics Support Activity and International Society of Logistics will hold the DoD Government/Industry Supportability Engineering Exchange, 12th annual Symposium on June 16-18 at the Sparkman Auditorium. The theme for this year's conference is "Revitalizing Integrated Logistic Support." Presentations will include speakers from DoD and the Army, Navy and Air Force offices responsible for logistics policy as well as presentations by defense contractors. The conference is open to all government and industry personnel. To pre-register and for lodging information, go to the ALC web page at www.logpars.army.mil/alc. A copy of the form can also be faxed to you by calling Emerson McAfee 955-9830.

Union election

AFGE Local 1858 announces notice of

election for its local officers for 1999-2001. Office positions being voted on include president, treasurer, and the bargaining-unit vice president for MEDDAC/DENTAC. Other general office positions and bargaining-unit vice presidents are unopposed and will not be included on the ballot. All members of the Local in good standing are eligible to vote. The vice president of MEDDAC/DENTAC will be voted on by their organization members only. Voting will take place 6 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. April 12 by secret ballot (manual) at building 3202 (Union Office). Nominations include the following: president— Jim Brothers and Arthur Young; treasurer— Jane Armstrong and George Alexander Jr.; and MEDDAC/DENTAC vice president— Marion Hammons and Patricia Johnson.

Sergeants major

The Sergeants Major Association will hold its monthly meeting April 15, from 6:30-7:30 in the morning, at the Radisson Suite Hotel on South Memorial Parkway. For more information, call Sgt. Maj. Marvin Whitted 842-2879.

Helicopter group

The American Helicopter Society, Redstone Chapter will hold a membership luncheon April 14 at the Redstone Arsenal Club. Social begins at 11:30 a.m., with lunch served at noon. David G. Harding, director of future programs, advanced rotorcraft systems, PhantomWorks, The Boeing Company, is to speak on Advanced Technology for the Future Joint Transport Rotorcraft. Cost is \$10 for members, \$14 for non-members,

and free for new members joining at the luncheon. For information call Kimberly Troy 313-4307, Judith Hasley 971-3195, or Tim Kraatz 726-3684. Reservations/cancellations by April 12 please.

Cost conference

The MEVATEC Corporation, in conjunction with Huntsville Section 1503 of the American Society for Quality, will conduct a conference April 20-22 at the Huntsville Marriott on Activity Based Management/Activity Based Costing techniques and methodologies. This workshop will assist your organization in identifying the cost of significant activities, developing meaningful performance measurements, identifying non-value added activities and process improvement opportunities, developing accurate costs of products and services as well as streamlining activities and processes," a prepared release said. Cost for the workshop is \$495 which includes breakfast, lunch and a free copy of MEVATEC's FastTrack ABM software for modeling and simulation. To register call Brenda Pacheco 890-8125.

Grades K-8

The Academy for Science and Foreign Language, 3221 Mastin Lake Road, is accepting applications for the 1999-2000 school year. Parents and students are encouraged to schedule a time to tour the school (phone 851-4103) and learn more about the programs. The program features emphasis on science and foreign language; International

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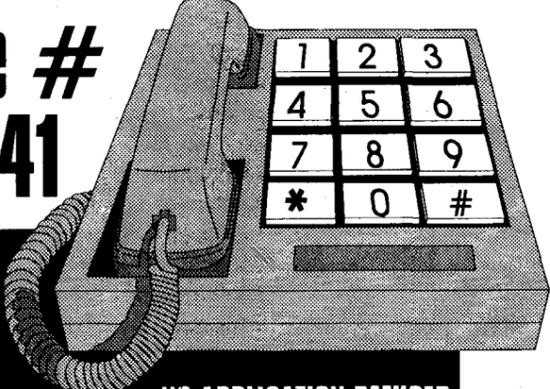
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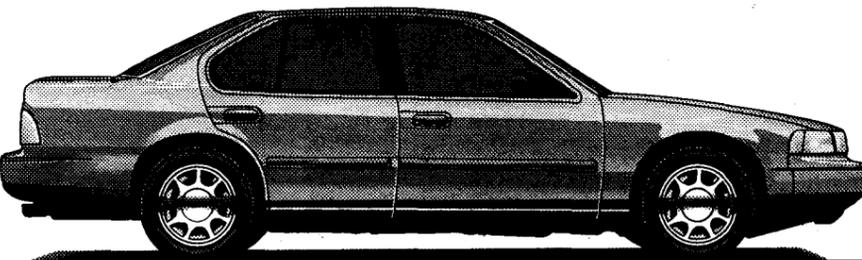


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Student loans

The North Alabama Center for Educational Excellence will hold a free workshop for individuals with defaulted student loans April 22 at the center, 1515 Sparkman Drive. A representative from the U.S. Department of Education will be present. Individuals will learn how to rehabilitate their loans and be eligible for further federal financial aid. To accommodate the public, two sessions are scheduled: 8:30-11:30 a.m. and 4-7 p.m. Refreshments will be served at both sessions. For registration and information, call 722-9632.

Toastmasters

Redstone Toastmasters meets each Tuesday at 6 p.m. at Morrison's Cafeteria in the Madison Square Mall. For more information, call Joe Jones 461-0476.

Communication club

International Training in Communication (ITC) will meet 4:45-6 p.m. April 8 at building 5681, conference room 125. April is National Investment Month. Scheduled speaker is Thad Odom. For more information, call Carol Howard 876-9490 or Janice Isbell 313-4216.

Union meeting

AFGE Local 1858 will hold its monthly membership meeting at 5:30 p.m. April 12 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.

Charity sale

Does your non-profit organization, club, church choir, ball team or youth group need cash for summer camp, uniforms, choir tours, or activities? United Way and

McRae's are offering the "Spring Charity Sale" as a means for you to raise those much-needed dollars for your special projects. For more information, call United Way 536-0745, ext. 118.

Investors club

Edward Jones and investment representative Montie Gonterman host the Investor's Coffee Club from 9:30-10:30 a.m. the first Wednesday of each month at the Bailey Cove Branch Library. Novice, moderate and seasoned investors are welcome. To register for the April 7 meeting, call 880-3040.

Buy/sell home

Meet with real estate professionals and learn about home buying and selling at Army Community Service. Free workshops open to the Redstone community. All sessions will be held in Army Community Service, building 3491, Honest John Road. For details or to register call Mary Breeden, relocation assistance program manager, 876-5397.

Participation in this event by individuals or companies does not imply sponsorship nor an endorsement by the Army. Here's the workshop schedule: April 12— 8:30 a.m., Mortgage Products, Martha Bradas, mortgage officer; 10 a.m., Qualifying for a Mortgage, Darlene Hornsby, mortgage officer; 1 p.m., Overcoming Mortgage Obstacles, Randy Warren, mortgage officer. April 13— 8:30 a.m., Buying vs. Renting, Jim McWhorter, certified residential broker. April 14— 8:30 a.m., Closing on a Mortgage, Mary Yarbrough, mortgage officer; 10 a.m., Selling a Home, Danny Owen, broker associate, certified residential specialist, accredited buyer's representative. April 19— 8:30 a.m., Real Estate Legal Issues, Michael Brodowski, attorney at law; 10:30 a.m., Overcoming Mortgage Obstacles, Randy Warren, mortgage officer; 1 p.m., Mortgage Products, Martha Bradas, mortgage officer; 2:30 p.m., Qualifying for a Mortgage, Darlene Hornsby, mortgage officer. April 21— 10 a.m., Selling a Home, Danny Owen, broker associate, certified resi-

dential specialist, accredited buyer's representative; 2 p.m., Closing On a Mortgage, Mary Yarbrough, mortgage officer. April 22— 1 p.m., Buying vs. Renting, Jim McWhorter, certified residential broker.

Conservation group

The Flint River Conservation Association presents an evening with Dr. Doug Phillips, who hosts the public television program "Discovering Alabama," at 6:30 p.m. April 5 in the cafeteria of Madison County High School. Admission is free; and all ages are welcome. For information call Terry Martin 379-5520 or Sabrina Hill 532-1578.

Jewelry auction

Huntsville Gem and Mineral Society will have its annual auction of jewelry, minerals and gems at 6:30 p.m. April 5, at the Senior Center on Drake Avenue. For more information, contact P. Mitcham at pmitcham@sprintmail.com.

AER fund-raisers

An AER (Army Emergency Relief) Bake Sale will be held 7:30 a.m. to noon April 8 in the hallway between buildings 5301 and 5302 at the Sparkman Center... The Celebrity Car Wash will take place 1-4 p.m. April 14 at the PX Tire Center on Goss Road. The car wash is free; however, there will be a "tip jar" with your favorite Redstone celebrity's name on it. Organizers are still looking for more celebrities, so talk your boss into representing your organization in this worthwhile cause and furnish his/her name to the AER headquarters, by calling CWO 3 Samuelson 313-2874.... A second annual Plant Sale will be held 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. April 14 in the northeast parking lot of building 5309.

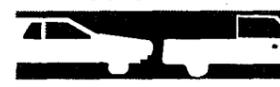


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