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Norway, U.S. clear path for detecting land mines

Countries sharing technology for unmanned vehicle system

By Sandy Riebeling

The humanitarian effort in Bosnia was the first real push for the U.S. military to develop land mine detection and destruction equipment. Images of Princess Diana, dressed in a face shield and kevlar body armor, brought attention to the real threat of thousands of unexploded land mines in the region.

In answer to the urgent need for land mine clearing capabilities, the U.S. military created the Panther, an unmanned vehicle used to detect and detonate anti-tank mines.

"We needed a heavy vehicle to push something through that could absorb the blast without destroying the vehicle," Col. Ken Curcio, project manager for the Unmanned Ground Vehicle/Systems Joint Project Office, said. "The Panther has a mine roller attached to the front of an M-60 tank chassis, using a Standard Robotic System to control it, so it is unmanned. We keep the soldiers out of harm's way."

There are only five Panthers in exist-



Courtesy photo

IN TRAINING— Soldiers from the Tennessee National Guard came to Redstone last week for training on Sarge, an unmanned robotic vehicle, used to scout for troops in unknown or enemy territory.

tence. Four are in Bosnia and one at Fort Leonard Wood, Mo., used for training. These vehicles are only prototypes. They are working and doing the job, but the U.S. government is interested in finding something better. Norway may have the answer.

"The Norwegians have a mine clearing system that uses a flail, which is a series of chains that rotate and beat the ground, instead of a roller to detonate the mines," Curcio said. "The roller is working but it does take some damage when the mines explode. The advantage to the flail is that the chains, when they are hit, deflect the impact and are not destroyed."

The flail system is mounted on a Norwegian main battle tank chassis, similar to the roller system of the Panther. The problem with the system is that it is manned. The operator has to be on the vehicle to control and maneuver it.

The Aviation and Missile Command has signed a contract with Hagglands Moelv AS of Norway, and its American partners, SUMMA Technology Inc. in Huntsville and Quality Research Inc. in Huntsville, to explore the feasibility of combining the Norwegian system with the U.S. military's Standardized Robotic System to create an

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Army photo

Next chief...

On April 21, Secretary of Defense William Cohen announced the president has nominated Gen. Eric K. Shinseki to serve as the Army's 34th chief of staff. Once confirmed by the Senate Armed Services Committee, Shinseki will become chief of staff June 21.

Final numbers filed...

Volunteer tax preparers save customers

By Skip Vaughn

"Hoo-ah!" Redstone's tax officer exclaimed while raising her arms in triumph.

Capt. Erika Cain couldn't contain her enthusiasm over the final numbers served by the Tax Assistance Center. The center closed for the year April 15 after providing free tax preparation for active duty and retired military, National Guard, reservists, and their family members.

Even with less staff members, the center prepared more tax returns than last year. Last year the center had six full-time volunteer income tax assisters, compared to four this time.

The center saved its 2,150 customers about \$161,000, based on what they would have paid to have their taxes prepared. It also gave out 1,254 tax forms.

The staff members completed 2,632 returns including 1,260 federal and 1,372 state. Last year 2,261 returns were prepared including 1,311 federal and 950 state.

"It was a big success," Cain, chief of administrative law and claims in the Office of Staff Judge Advocate, said. "I would like to thank all the staff and the volunteers for their hard work and dedication to providing top-notch tax assistance service."

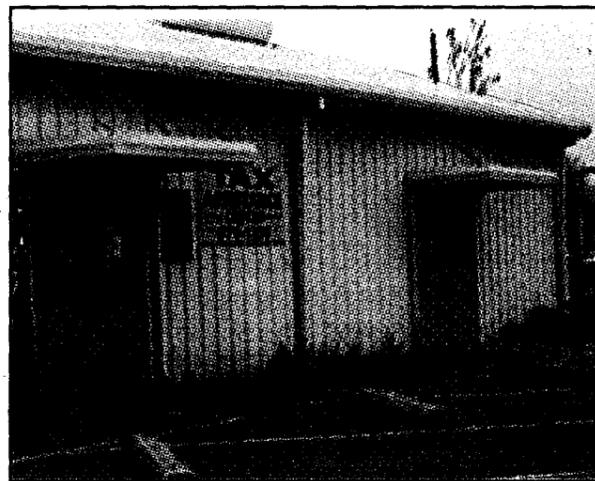


Photo by Skip Vaughn

SEASONAL CENTER— Building 3475 serves as the tax assistance center until the filing season ends April 15.

"For 90 percent of the staff, this was their first time working with taxes and they went out of their way to provide excellent customer service and to learn the tax laws."

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Support house fire victims by contacting ACS

Members of Redstone community—military and civilian alike—are continuing the outpouring of support for four junior-enlisted families who lost their homes in a fire.

A four-plex family housing unit at

507 Walnut Circle was destroyed April 12. There were no injuries from the fire, which resulted when a natural gas line coming into the residence was leaking underground and the gas reached a barbecue grill which had

been lit by one of the occupants.

Anyone who would like to contribute to the families may call Ann Owens, the Army Emergency Relief program manager at Army Community Service, at 876-5397.



Letters To The Editor

Save the children

Watching the news concerning the senseless killing of our children and teachers in schools by their peers, it weighed heavy on my heart. Looking in the faces of the parents and friends of those killed while pursuing an education or providing education for the students brings sadness to my spirit. In search for accountability for these tragedies we find a lot of beaten paths but no clear road to the answers. We look for clues and reasons why these tragedies take place and we come up with nothing. If we really knew the answer, would we be willing to resolve the issues?

Some want to blame prejudice. Under the blanket of prejudice, there's racial prejudice, the one most known and publicly controversial form. There is also economic prejudice. In some circles a person can buy or inherit his way out of this type of prejudice. Some still want to blame cults.

We are faced with a challenge that is more complicated than anything this country has faced since its establishment. In war, you can usually identify the enemy. Though camouflage may hide him, the trained eyes will spot him as he advances towards the camp. Right now we need trained eyes. We are at war with an enemy that is within the camp. This enemy is more subtle than the Trojan Horse. This enemy rode in on a set of laws. These laws blew sand in the trained eyes so it will not be discovered. These laws banned the hands of those who believed in good home values and discipline. These laws distracted the minds of those who believed and taught that the spirit of a child/teen-ager should be conscionable.

Innocence is lost early in life when moral and ethical values have no real solid foundation. What can our children base their values on? Look at their environment. For that matter our environment. I don't mean just the home in which he/she lives, but school, places of social activity, friend's homes, the mall. The former generation grew up in front of the television. This generation is growing up in front of the computer. The environments are very different. A game of marbles or street ball once entertained many neighborhood kids. Now the streets are deserted except for cars and trucks and daring bike riders.

Go to your room! There was a time this statement was punishment enough for a child who broke the rules. Now the room of a child is full of toys and gadgets and tools and electronic equipment that occupy his every waking moment. Now, how do we discipline our children? If we take something away from them or deprive

them of something they want, they will find a way to get it without our knowledge or permission. At some point they even believe that they can do what they want and feel they don't have to answer to anyone even if they end up in prison or find themselves suffering some other form of punishment for their deeds. We both teach and set a good example for them to model after and they still find a way to be difficult.

Driving is a privilege. There are responsibilities that come with driving. When that privilege is taken away from us, those responsibilities seem to have no application in our lives. Prayer in school is a privilege. There are responsibilities that come with prayer in school. There also has to be a condition in life for which prayer is applicable. We must have something to believe in and answer to. Then comes the point of our children not having a foundation for which to base moral and ethical values upon. This issue would then be resolved. There's the point of not having to answer to anyone for wrong deeds. This too will be resolved by the knowledge that comes with knowing why we pray and to whom.

When prayer was taken out of schools, we lost more than a privilege we also lost a channel by which we could reach our children. We also lost the leveraging power we had, through the moral and ethical obligation that comes with prayer, to give our children good direction and a foundation to build character. Looking at things from our perspective now, if prayer in schools was bad, how much better off have we become since prayer was removed? We have had to pray more now since prayer was removed from our schools. Are we willing to admit that this was a bad decision? The results of this decision in many cases have been irreversible?

The last point I would like to make is that after prayer was removed, the void was definitely filled. It was filled with the enemy I mentioned earlier. The enemy who is more subtle than the Trojan Horse, call it what you want. If you look closely at the beliefs and background of many of those who have been accused of mass murder, committed hate crimes, who went out on shooting sprees, bombed and shot innocent people, who dragged and hang, kidnapped, mangled and dismembered people, you will see that there is a common thread. The trained eye will see the connection. Was prayer/meditation in school so bad that we are willing to settle for the tragedies that we face today? Try looking in the faces of those who suffered harm and lost family and friends in these senseless shootings. Tell them that the possibilities of more of these tragedies in the future are better for our children than liv-

ing in harmony and brotherhood. My preference is to spend some time each morning saying a prayer or taking a moment to meditate before facing another day full of hope and taking advantage of opportunities to do a better job of bettering life's disadvantages than the day before.

Sam Wright
Senior systems analyst IV,
Contractor for NCCIM

Community activities

There's a whole lot going on in the wonderful world of Redstone Morale, Welfare and Recreation. I thought this would be a great time to share some news, thoughts and some ideas future operations with you, our treasured customers. After all, serving you is why MWR is here, and we want to be your "First Choice."

For those of you here with young family members, wasn't that a great Block Party on Saturday, the 17th, at the Youth Center? Around 1,000 youngsters plus hundreds of parents enjoyed this high point of our "Month of the Military Child." Despite cool weather, the hot entertainment, prizes, free hot dogs and drinks, and dozens of fun activities made this year's Block Party another resounding success. For those of you who missed it, don't worry..... a wrap-up to the Month of the Military Child, a "Mayfest" is being held on Saturday, May 1 at the Soldatenstube.

Celebrate the season from noon to 4 p.m. at Redstone's German restaurant and FestPlatz, located on Gray Road. Special attractions include great German and American "Fest foods" like grilled wurst, German-style potato salad, hot dogs, cotton candy, popcorn, a great selection of German beverages, free soda to kids 12 and under, kids games, a clown, and an authentic German May Pole! It's the perfect opportunity to visit Redstone's own authentic German restaurant. Parents, bring your still camera or video camera to get your kids having a festive time. If you can't wait for Oktoberfest— come to Mayfest!

Over 500 satisfied customers enjoyed Easter Brunch at the Redstone Arsenal Club. Get your tickets now for the upcoming Mother's Day Brunch on May 9. This great all-you-care-for buffet will include a full breakfast and delicious luncheon selections. Club members enjoy a special price of only \$11.50 for adults and \$5 for children ages 7 to 12. There are many benefits of club membership, so join Redstone's fantastic dinner-club and start saving today. And while you're at it, dads should block the calendar already for our planned Father's Day Brunch.

Club members, please take note. Beginning in June you may pick up your \$5 membership rebate coupon at the club prior to dining or anytime at your convenience. They'll be available at the cashier's window during the day, and at the dining room cashier at night. We want to ensure you get to use this benefit of membership, and we know that hundreds of you have not been getting the voucher consistently in the monthly mailing, so we're

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Commander's letter: Arbor Day '99 celebration Friday

In keeping with the majority of our states and many countries throughout the world, Redstone Arsenal will observe Arbor Day on Friday to recognize the significance of trees.

On Feb. 23, 1993, the installation commander launched Redstone Arsenal's first Arbor Day celebration. Since that time, Redstone Arsenal has celebrated Arbor Day with the local communities in Madison County annually. This past year's efforts in carrying out the ideals of Arbor Day resulted in Redstone Arsenal being named a "1998 Tree City USA." The award will be presented during our Arbor Day celebration.

Setting aside a day to emphasize the importance of trees and their potential to reduce soil and wind erosion, reduce heating and cooling costs, clean the air, produce oxygen, and provide habitat for wildlife and natural beauty, is noteworthy of our community. Trees are a renewable resource that provide fuel for energy consumption, paper, building materials for our homes and

many other wood products. Trees also increase property value, reduce negative environmental impacts, and beautify our community.

Redstone will join hands with the neighboring communities of Huntsville, Madison, Triana, and Madison County at Morris Elementary School, located next to the Huntsville-Madison County Botanical Garden at 8:30-9:15 a.m. Friday to proclaim the celebration of Arbor Day 1999. Then at 2:30 p.m., beside the Redstone Arsenal Golf Clubhouse near Gate 9, a tree planting ceremony and a special "Tree City USA" award presentation will be held. I encourage the Redstone community to join in celebrating this occasion at these two events and further ask your support to plant, protect and maintain our trees for future generations.

Maj. Gen. Emmitt Gibson
Commander,
AMCOM and Redstone

Correction

The final line of the Voting Assistance story in the April 14 edition of the Redstone Rocket should have included numbers to call for questions concerning voter registration or guidelines. Call either Joe Winston at 876-7217 or Lewis Spencer at 842-2417 with questions or for more information.

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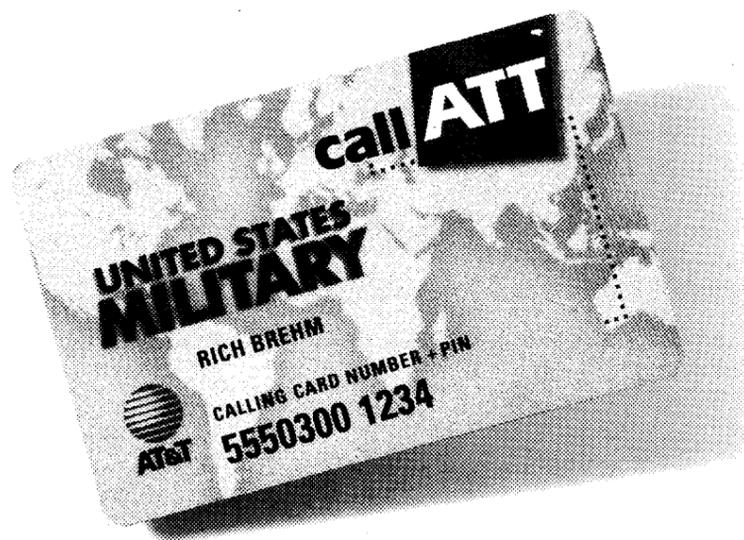
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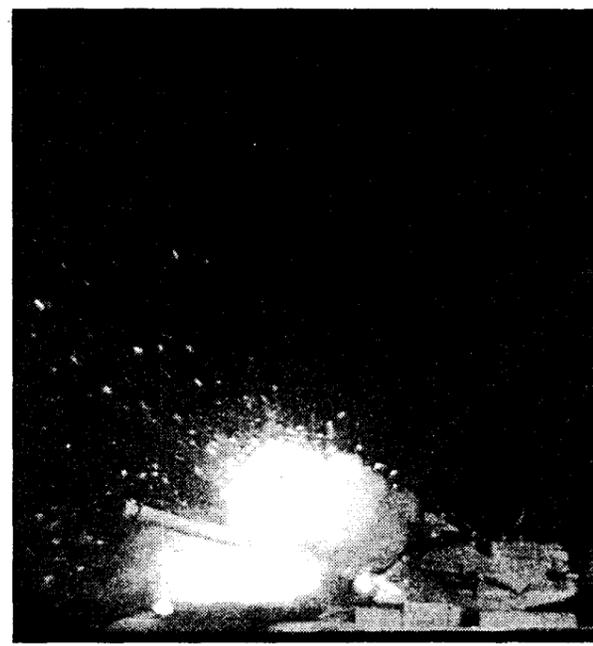
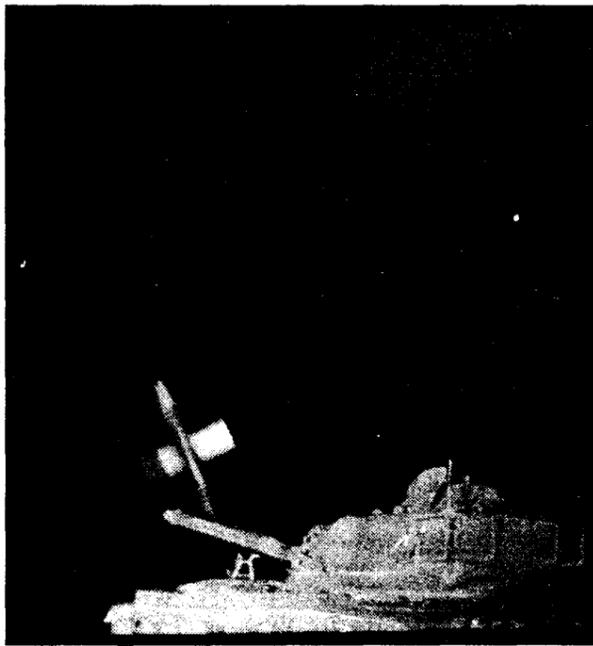
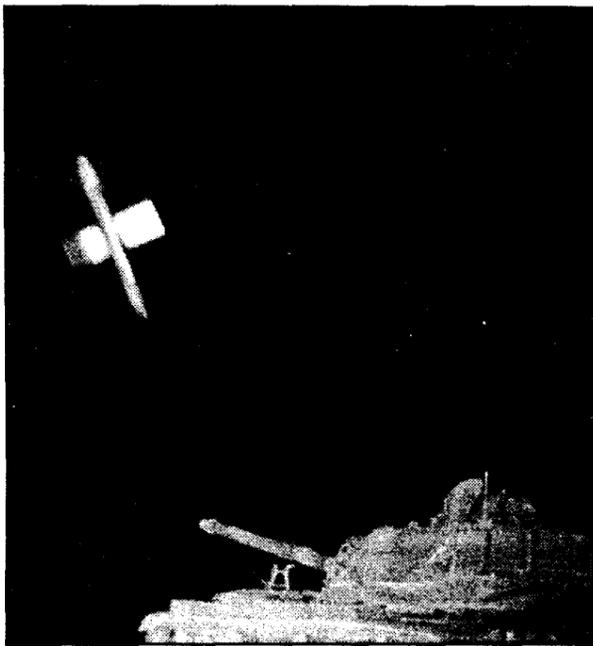
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MOMENT OF IMPACT— The Enhanced Fiber Optic Guided Missile descends and impacts on an M60 tank at White Sands Missile Range.

Continuing series...

Enhanced fiber optic guided missile on mark in flight test

The Enhanced Fiber Optic Guided Missile flight April 10 at White Sands Missile Range, N.M., was another in a series of successes for the EFOGM firing program.

This flight, the fifth consecutive EFOGM success, was launched from Launch Complex 50. Guided Test Vehicle-3, launched in the dark of night, precisely impacted on the intended armored target for the second time in two attempted target engagements. Two different gunners have now successfully engaged and scored precision hits on their intended targets. The GTV-3 missile was the third guided EFOGM flight and the seventh EFOGM firing of the Advanced Technology Demonstration program.

The mission successfully demonstrated the mission objectives of warhead explosive ordnance firing train function and target engagement at extended range. Additionally, it demonstrated the gunner's ability to "mark" (provide target location coordinates) targets en route and provided flight performance data complementing those data collect-

ed from all subsequent firings. Attending the launch were representatives from the TRADOC System Manager and the Operational Evaluation Command. Representing the A/511th Parachute Infantry Regiment, XVIII Airborne Corps Artillery, SSgt. Jeremy Bruns participated as "gunner in-training." Plans are to conduct a soldier fired mission on a future EFOGM firing mission.

"The EFOGM system has just completed its fifth consecutive flawless missile flight," Doug Seay, acting EFOGM project manager, said. "The project office is extremely pleased with the continued program success and the hard work and dedication exhibited by all those associated with the EFOGM program. EFOGM will provide the Army with a reliable, highly effective, and extremely versatile new warfighting capability which will enhance the

warfighters' ability to dramatically shape the battlefield."

The GTV-3 mission was flawless in every phase despite being the most technically ambitious EFOGM firing to date. The missile's precise flyout, detailed seeker imagery, successful demonstration of the system's warhead firing train, and precision impact were impressive. The success of the GTV-3 mission validates all the dedication and hard work put forth by "Team EFOGM."

En route to its intended armored target, located approximately 11 kilometers from the launch site, the missile executed the initial boost phase, deployment of fins/wings, missile pitchover, sustained and stabilized flight at an altitude of 350m. Using the missile's imaging infrared seeker,

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Associate director at research center looks to future

By June Johns

The next time you see that commercial featuring the large, almost flat television hanging on the wall — and you secretly think to yourself “one day that will be mine” — you can thank the Army.

Even the entertainment industry has been indirectly affected by the Army’s need to develop more modern, efficient technology. Similarly, the military’s need for shared information ultimately resulted in our modern-day, publicly accessible Internet.

The Army is “a very good lead user and proving ground, as we have the most stringent requirements for reliability, space, and very low power consumption,” Michael Schexnayder said.

Schexnayder should know. He has worked in the Army research and engineering field since 1979. And in February of this year, he became associate director for systems for the Missile Research, Development and Engineering Center. This Senior Executive Service position places him in the upper stratosphere of civilian service. (The military equivalent of his job would be a one-star general.) These civil service positions are applied for and selected on a competitive basis.

Just as military experimentation results in “spin-offs,” such as the laser and the Internet, military research also relies on “spin-ons.” The use of “spin-ons” occurs when the military uses existing commercial technology for defense applications, in order to save money that would normally be spent on development. Examples of this would be: flat panel displays, diode lasers and digital signal processing hardware and software. The trick here is to make sure there is a direct fit between commercial use and military needs.

Needless to say, helping to manage a center that performs missile technology research and provides engineering services that support missile development has its challenges.

Exploratory development missile systems include the Compact Kinetic Energy Missile and Future Missile Technology Integration. Advanced development efforts include Guided MLRS and the Rapid Force Projection Initiative—

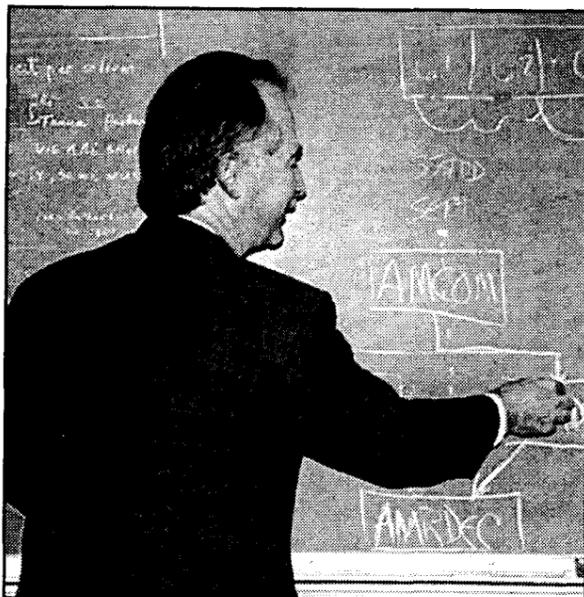


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MAKING MARK— Schexnayder has achieved a Senior Executive Service position at Missile RDEC.

a system of systems effort in support of the Army. Examples of projects receiving engineering services from MRDEC currently include Patriot, Army TACMS, THAAD, EFOG-M and Hellfire.

“Almost any Army missile you can think of, we sell engineering services to them,” Schexnayder said. Much

like a private business, clients reimburse the center for work. Clients include government program offices, other countries, and private contractors.

By far, the center’s greatest emphasis is on advancing the state-of-the-art in missiles and then “getting missiles from advanced development into engineering development,” Schexnayder said.

Another research development project that Schexnayder worked on involved design and testing of an Advanced Kinetic Energy Missile. This 6-foot-tall, 120-pound test missile was developed to prove that available technology was capable of producing space and power-efficient Army weaponry. What was learned through the creation of this prototype missile will be used in developing future military technology.

One of the biggest challenges that Schexnayder must contend with is meeting increasing demands for services using the current, static level of in-house staff. Due to additional government downsizing, Schexnayder foresees “more government and private contractors teaming up to meet requirements.”

Schexnayder can expect his requirements and workload to increase Oct. 1 when the Missile Research, Development and Engineering Center will merge with the Aviation Research, Development and Engineering Center and become one AMCOM center, the Aviation and Missile Research, Development and Engineering Center.

Ah well, as Schexnayder’s business card says, “when it takes a rocket scientist...”

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Simulated crash drill helps prepare for real thing

By June Johns

Fortunately it was just a drill. The body count climbed to 13 after a Canadian Air CL-600 aircraft carrying 43 passengers collided with a Cessna 172 plane with three people on board at 10 a.m. April 20 at the Huntsville International Airport. In addition, numerous passengers were severely injured during the accident.

The wreck scene that sunny Tuesday morning involved numerous limp bodies lying too-still on the airport runway and in nearby grassy areas several thousand yards from the airport's International Intermodal Center. Clothes, twisted metal fragments, and gasoline were strewn about for many hundreds of feet in all directions from the crash site.

Traumatized by the collision, two female passengers subsequently went into labor and gave birth at the crash site.

Adding to the confusion was a reporter from a local television station, who climbed the fence in an airport-designated security area, in an attempt to gain access to the crash site and victims.

Slightly over one hour later, at 11:10 a.m., a bomb threat involving the International Intermodal Center was called in, necessitating evacuation of the building and causing some emergency police crews to leave the crash scene.

From victims to rescuers, more than 100 people were involved in this mock drill, spearheaded by airport officials and required by the Federal Aviation Adminis-

tration (FAA). This four-hour practice drill provided airport representatives, as well as personnel from local emergency organizations, with an opportunity to assess how they would react in similar, real-life circumstances. It also gave them the chance to critique mutual and individual emergency plans currently in place. Agencies from Madison, Morgan, and Limestone counties, as well as Redstone Arsenal, that participated in this mock exercise included HEMSI, area EMA, the Red Cross and nearby police and fire departments. Local hospitals also participated in the emergency exercise, receiving and handling "victims" that arrived from the crash site. This provided area medical facilities with an opportunity to test their response to emergency situations occurring on top of their normal activities, according to Barbie Peek, airport marketing director.

Students attending Brewer High School portrayed crash victims. These "victims," decked out in special effects makeup, lay or stumbled in the bright sunlight, portraying the wounded, dying, and dead. While some of these high school students had previously acted as "victims" in a mock air crash drill held in Morgan County, it was the first time for Jimmy Morgan. Morgan portrayed the Cessna airplane pilot, one of the fatalities of the fictional aircraft collision. The hardest part of this experience for Morgan? "Keeping still the entire time," he responded.

These full-scale drills, which according to FAA requirements must be held every



Photo by June Johns

CRASH DRILL— "Victims" and rescuers work at the scene of a simulated airplane crash at Huntsville International Airport.

three years at commercial service airports, can cost airports up to \$10,000 to implement. The price tag can rise in excess of \$25,000, when the expenses for all participating agencies are factored in. This is a necessary, budgeted expense, according to Tammie Dodson, public relations manager for the airport, "so that we can have as good a game plan as possible in the event of an emergency." Dodson added Huntsville airport officials specifically devise scenarios that exploit perceived weaknesses in their emergency plans,

although she did not elaborate on what those particular weaknesses were.

These drills involve completely different scenarios each time they are held, in order to provide participants with a variety of experiences, said FAA evaluator Joe Wright. Wright was one of several independent evaluators from various agencies who were on hand to critique and provide feedback on participants' performances. During the interim years, when full-scale drills are not held, airport officials conduct "table top" discussion exercises, Wright said.

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BYGONE ERA— From left Bob Smith, Jeannie King and Barry King are providing props and costumes for the upcoming Huntsville Community Chorus Association production of Shenandoah.

Weekend warriors...

Reenactment actors wear authentic clothing for historical accuracy

By Ann Turnmeyer

Don't tell anyone, but Barry and Jeannie King are living in the past! Jeannie King works in the MLRS Contract Office at the Acquisition Center, and will have 20 years of civilian service in September. Barry King is an Alabama tax examiner by profession, but he is also a member of the Alabama National Guard currently receiving Stinger training at Redstone. In their free time, the Kings are active in the Civil War reenactment scene, where they must follow tradition by referring to each other as Mr. and Mrs. King. Mr. King has been involved with reenactment for about five years; Mrs. King is about to participate in her first encampment.

Civil War reenactment organizations are popular throughout the South, and there are also a few in the North. Participants come from all over the United States, as well as a few from foreign countries. Because of the commitment to historical accuracy, it is an expensive hobby (Mrs. King's camp dress and accessories alone cost about \$350). A concerted effort is made to make everything as authentic as possible — clothes are made of cotton and wool, men wear white gloves at formal occasions, uniform shoes have wooden soles, and food is kept simple. One exception that is made is the presence of port-a-potties at the encampments.

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Community project...

Volunteer homebuilders get helping hand

By Eric Shuping

On April 10, Basic NCO classes 645-55B30-003 and 645-55B30-005 assisted the local community by working with Habitat for Humanity.

Habitat for Humanity helps local families purchase homes when they normally would not be able to afford one. This organization was started several years ago in Africa and has since spread to the United States. It is run by volunteers and is a self-supporting organization. Charities donate supplies and/or money for the construction or renovation of houses and volunteers perform all of the work. Specialized work is performed by contractors who often volunteer the labor so that the project only has to pay for the materials that are needed.

The work done that Saturday was a continuation of work started by previous BNCOC classes. The two classes installed insulation, worked on the foundation, and painted the front and back porches. Assistance was also provided by local community churches and Habitat for Humanity.

Families purchase the houses through the Habitat for Humanity at a substantial discount. Habitat for Humanity helps to build the houses and then finances the houses for the families. Mortgage payments go toward the renovations and financing of other homes for the Habitat for Humanity.

Many students had a good feeling by the end of the day after they saw what had been accomplished; and some said that they considered vol-

unteering work for similar projects when they returned to their home stations.

The small group leader for class 645-55B30-003 is SSgt. Kevin Gilmore. Class members include Sgt. Andres Abella, Sgt. Tychicus Best, Sgt. Luis Perez, Sgt. Michael Hull, Sgt. Machelie Winn, Sgt. Marlen Slade, Sgt. Oscar Romine, Sgt. Brian Koder, Sgt. James Douglas, SSgt. Walter Kern and Sgt. Eric Shuping.

The small group leader for class 645-55B30-005 is SSgt. Archie Scott. Class members include Sgt. Jason Brown, Sgt. Robert Walker, Sgt. Sandra Smallwood, Sgt. Stephanie Gaines, Sgt. Addonas Hawkins, Sgt. Aaron Delaney, Sgt. Paul Housel, Sgt. Donald Clipper, Sgt. Cheryl Mike, Sgt. Katrina Dowdell and Sgt. Jeffrey George.



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For all they do...

Public service workers due kudos during special week

By Jim Bowne

Next week government agencies will celebrate Public Service Recognition Week. Celebrated the first Monday through Sunday in May since 1985, the week is set aside to recognize the services public employees at the federal, state and local levels provide to improve the quality of American life.

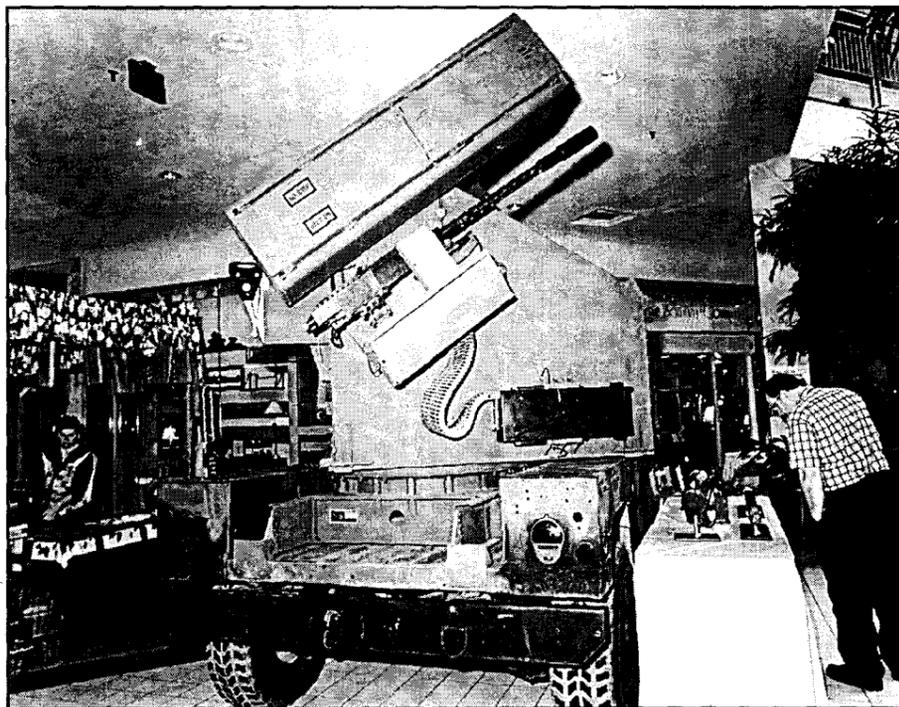
As in the past, the local U.S. Office of Personnel Management is coordinating this year's PSRW celebration. Lee Hockenberry, an OPM employee, is the Public Service Recognition Week committee chairman.

"It is extremely important that public service be valued and respected so that America's young people will be encouraged to pursue careers in government," he said. "We must continue to attract the best and the brightest to ensure that our government remains the best in the world."

Twenty-seven federal, state and local agencies are scheduled to participate in the activities scheduled during Huntsville/Madison County Public Service Week.

"This represents an increase over the number of participants last year," Hockenberry said. "As a matter of fact, the number (of participating organizations) has been going up every year."

The Public Employees Roundtable and the President's Council on Management Improvement both sponsor Public Service Recognition Week. The council is an integral part of the federal government's objective to deliver more efficient, timely, and



Joe Ramirez/Photo Lab

CLOSER LOOK— A visitor takes a closer look at some of the Army's hardware during a previous year's display at Madison Square Mall for Public Service Recognition Week. The Avenger vehicle has been among the most popular attractions.

quality services to the American public. "PSRW offers an opportunity to inform Americans about the range and quality of vital services provided by public employees," Hockenberry said. "Thanks to the strong support we've received from Huntsville/Madison County federal agencies, we feel we have put together a fun celebration."

Serving as the Aviation and Missile

Command's representative on the PSRW Committee is Jim Bowne of the Public Affairs Office. Working with Bowne is John Holden, a management employee relations specialist in the Personnel and Training Directorate.

PSRW events will include information-

al exhibits in Madison Square Mall, an essay and art contest for school children, a speaker's bureau, an awards ceremony, and a luncheon.

The PSRW luncheon will be held 11:30 a.m. May 5 at the Holiday Inn at Madison Square Mall. Mike Wing, the new chief executive officer of the U.S. Space and Rocket Center, is scheduled speaker. The luncheon menu includes roast turkey with dressing, mashed potatoes and gravy, green beans, salad, rolls, tea, coffee and dessert.

Tickets for the luncheon are \$12 each and must be purchased in advance. For tickets call Bowne at 955-9173.

The PSRW exhibits will be at Madison Square Mall on May 6. Informational booths, handouts, and displays will available to the public when the mall opens at 9 a.m. All displays will remain open until the mall closes at 9 p.m.

Thanks to Rick Hall of the Logistics Test, Operations, Prototype Team, mall visitors will be able to see an Avenger and a TOW. The Avenger has always been among the most popular attractions.

In addition representatives of federal, state, and local agencies in the Huntsville area are sponsoring an art and essay contest for students in Madison County.

The art contest is for grades K-2. The essay contest is in two categories: grades 3-5 and grades 6-8.

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AMCOM has met the goal of reducing its rolls by 649 civilian workers through voluntary means.

The Civilian Personnel Advisory Center provided the latest list of workers approved for Voluntary Separation Incentive Pay. They will end their careers through either optional (regular) retirement, early retirement, or resignation:

- Angel Almodovar, MRDEC, resignation
- Arnold R. Anderson Jr., MRDEC, regular retirement
- Shree Brand Benton, Intelligence & Security, regular retirement
- David Brazier, MRDEC, resignation
- James G. Burch, PEO Air and Missile Defense, regular retirement
- Achala D. Chatterjee, MRDEC, resignation
- Gary L. Clayton, MRDEC, early retirement
- Marion R. Clift, RASA, regular retirement
- Lavada D. Dalton, SMDC, regular retirement
- John P. Danforth, MRDEC, regular retirement
- James Benjamin Davis Jr., SMDC, regular retirement
- Julia K. Driskill, CIC, regular retirement
- Sharon A. Frazier, MRDEC, resignation
- Anita G. Garrett, MRDEC, resignation
- Richard H. Gatlin, MRDEC, regular retirement
- Jean R. Grisham, Personnel & Training, regular retirement
- Alma D. Hager, MEDDAC, regular retirement
- Albert Harder, TMDE, regular retirement
- Max F. Jones, PEO Air and Missile Defense, regular retirement
- Freida G. Justice, MRDEC, early retirement
- Margaret Kelleher, Resource Management, regular retirement
- Julius Q. Lilly, SMDC, regular retirement
- Laura K. Lockard, MRDEC, early retirement
- Milton J. McKelvie, MRDEC, regular retirement
- Gayl R. Miller, MRDEC, early retirement
- Walter E. Miller Jr., MRDEC, regular retirement
- Peggy O. Moeller, MRDEC, regular retirement
- George W. Neal, MRDEC, regular retirement
- Diane B. Piette, IMMC, regular retirement
- William C. Pittman, MRDEC, regular retirement
- Patricia M. Richardson, MRDEC, early retirement
- Nancy R. Rostollan, MRDEC, early retirement
- Robert L. Sanford, MRDEC, early retirement
- Sandra K. Schimmelpfennig, MRDEC, regular retirement
- Marguerite J. Seaton, MRDEC, regular retirement
- Douglas L. Stephens, MRDEC, regular retirement
- Shirley H. Taylor, MRDEC, resignation
- Paul E. Turner, MRDEC, resignation
- Richard L. Wendt, SMDC, regular retirement
- Genevie A. Yantis, CIC, regular retirement
- Paulette C. Youngblood, MRDEC, early retirement.

Teams clinch titles in bowling leagues

The 10th Framers, Wild Cards, and Fran's Fans are among the winners in Redstone's bowling leagues.

Here are the results:

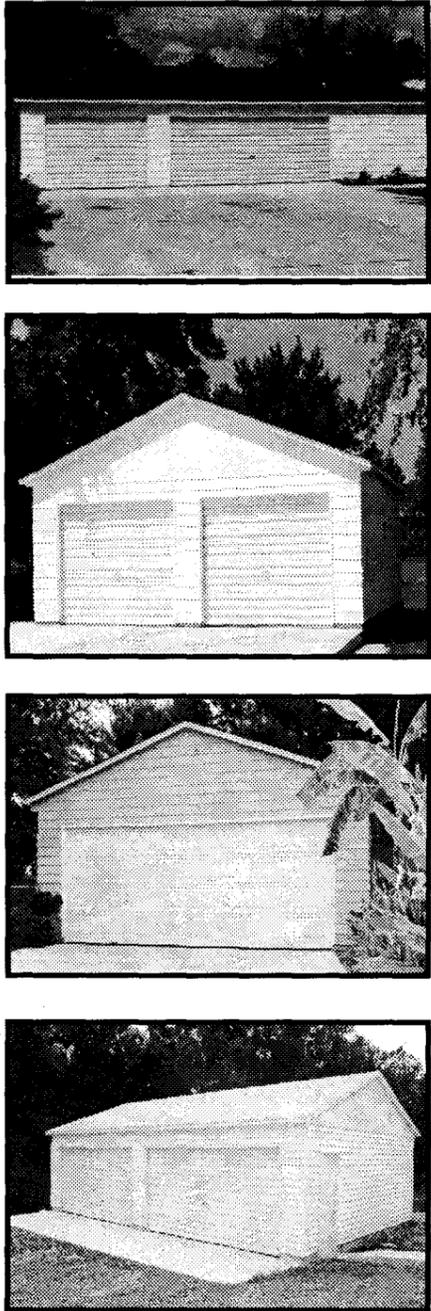
- **RASA League**— league winners, 10th Framers. High average men, John Dixon 186. High average ladies, Patti Lin 182.
- **LOGSA**— league winners, Wild Cards. High average men, John Howard 186. High average ladies, Patti Lin 178.
- **RSA Thursday Morning Ladies**— league winners, Fran's Fans. High average ladies, Patti Lin 174.
- **Sunday Night Mixed**— Mike Calhoun 225, 555 series; Harry Evans 224, 549 series; Jeffery Corker 215, 575 series; Patti Lin 236, 632 series; Myra Cox 216, 536 series; Karen Harmsen 204, 507 series; Brenda Glouner 553 series.

(Editor's note: Rocket Lanes is now forming summer leagues. For more information, call 881-1780.)



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Family dental insurance gets overseas assignment

Plan will supplement military dental care for families outside U.S.

By Skip Vaughn

Summertime is typically when soldiers are reassigned from one post to another. And the first thing they usually do when going overseas is cancel their family members' dental plan.

The soldiers figure they won't need their family dental insurance any more since that plan doesn't apply overseas. Military dental facilities overseas treat family members on a space available basis.

Well, the rules are changing. Military dental clinics overseas will continue to see family members, but their family member dental insurance will supplement this space available care.

"Access to dental care overseas has been a growing issue and it's been a growing problem," Col. William S. Johnson, commander of Redstone Dental Clinic, said. "So in order to improve access to dental care for family members overseas, they're extending the family member dental plan overseas."

The Tricare Family Member Dental Plan, administered by United Concordia Companies Inc., will be implemented overseas in two phases. In phase one, effective May 1, TFMDP-enrolled family members in "remote" overseas locations may receive dental care from overseas providers for covered dental services. In phase two, effective Oct. 1, TFMDP coverage will begin for enrolled family members in "non-remote" overseas locations.

"The overseas plan is designed to sup-

plement the military treatment facility and not be a replacement for it," Johnson said. "which is different from here where the plan is designed to basically replace their access to the military treatment facility in the states.

"They'll still have full access to the military dental treatment facility overseas. If the overseas treatment facility can't provide them with certain types of treatment, they'll have the option of getting that care from a civilian treatment facility. It gives them another option as opposed to just waiting until space is available."

Remote overseas locations, where the plan begins May 1, are those countries without military dental treatment facilities. Non-remote locations, where the plan starts Oct. 1, are those countries with such facilities.

The premium costs are the same as stateside. If families are currently enrolled, their coverage will be automatically extended overseas.

The overseas plan includes the following differences from the stateside version:

- The government will pay your cost share for some non-orthodontic services.
- The government will pay the difference between the provider's charge and Concordia's allowance.
- You may be asked to pay for services in advance.

If the family member is overseas and returns to seek dental care stateside, then the statewide benefit procedures apply.

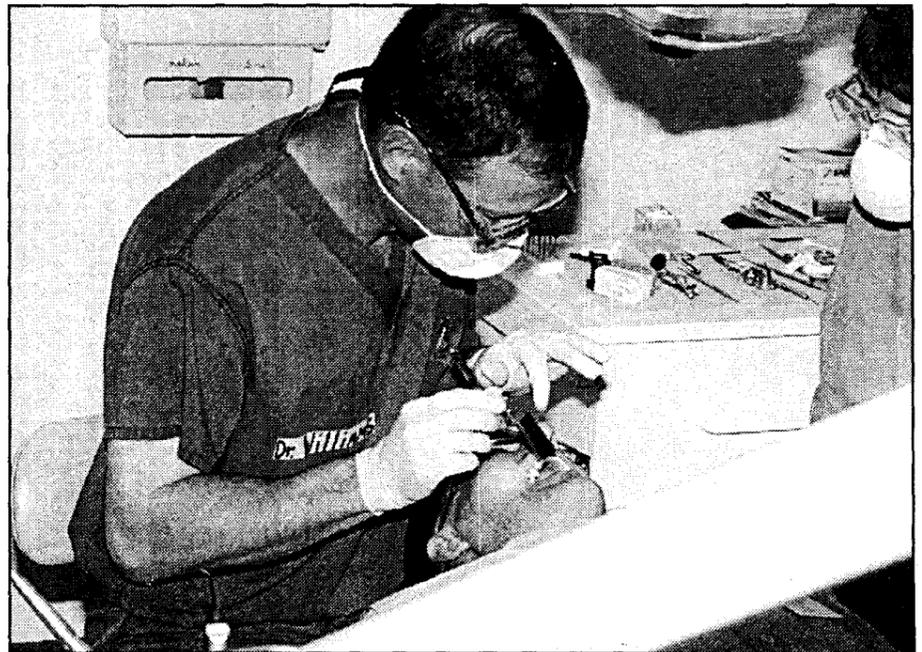


Photo by Skip Vaughn

DENTIST AT WORK— Lt. Col. Craig Williams treats a patient at the dental clinic. Williams will succeed Johnson as the clinic's commander when Johnson leaves for a new assignment at Fort Meade, Md., in June.

The government does not pay your cost share or differences in provider charges for care received stateside.

"There's one more important difference," Johnson added. "Overseas they must obtain a non-availability statement before seeing a local provider."

Johnson, who served in Panama from 1991-96, said access to dental care for family members was a major issue there. Active duty servicemembers had priority, and there weren't enough military dentists

to care for all the family members on a space available basis.

"This is an effort to try to alleviate some of the access to care problems overseas," Johnson said.

Also servicemembers assigned to remote locations overseas will now have a way to recoup the money they pay for their family members' dental care.

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Research physicist finds...

Technology breakthrough can bring chaos under control

By Sandy Riebeling

A chaos controller. There are probably millions of parents that have been waiting for someone to develop a way to control the wild, the unpredictable, the unstable. Such technology has been discovered at Redstone Arsenal. Unfortunately, it doesn't apply to children.

The chaos controller developed by research physicist Shawn Pethel in the Weapons Sciences Directorate applies to electronic, mechanic and chemical systems. Pethel's controller isn't the first chaos controller in existence. The technology breakthrough is in the speed at which it works. It is 1,000 faster than anything on the shelf today.

"A chaotic system is something that is unstable but doesn't blow up. It behaves in an unpredictable manner," Pethel said. "Weather patterns are extremely chaotic systems. A dripping faucet has a chaotic pattern."

Up until about the last 20 years, scientists, on purpose, designed systems in a linear fashion to eliminate chaotic elements. Instability and unpredictability were not the desired results. As technology progressed, chaotic systems were investigated as a possibility for advancement.

Ten years ago it was discovered that chaos can actually be controlled. Chaotic systems are made up of an infinite number of regular, periodic behaviors that the system wanders randomly between. It can be controlled on a periodic system over a long range of periods. Control was achieved at low frequencies, or speeds, such as 200 kilohertz. Control becomes more difficult at higher frequencies or speeds. Pethel built a controller that works at 1,000 times the speed of the current controllers. His works at 200 megahertz.

Applications for this new technology can be applied to chaotic systems such as lasers, fiber optics, communications systems and compact discs.

"Very simple systems can be chaotic," Pethel said. "They are extremely sensitive to disturbances which makes them unpredictable. At first, we thought this was bad news but as we have studied chaos, we learned that it is actually a good thing."

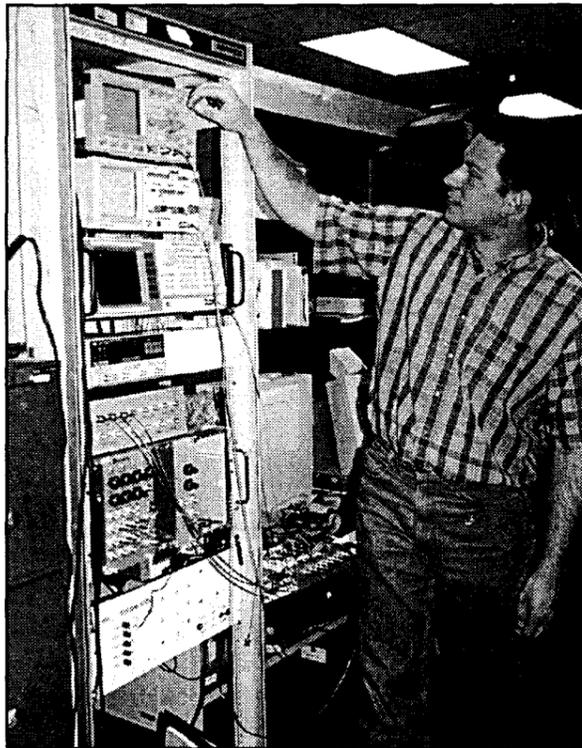


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IN CONTROL— Pethel monitors the frequency spectrum of the chaotic circuit.

The fact that the system can be changed with a small disturbance means it can be controlled by a small signal. These simple systems are also capable of producing very complicated results, if they can be controlled properly, which is where Pethel's technology comes into play.

Traditionally, a complicated system needed a complicated controller. Chaos controllers can reduce the complexity by using fewer components and a simpler design. The result is a cost savings in hardware and more reliability— cheaper to manufacture and fewer parts to break.

Pethel began exploring chaos controller technology about three years ago when he was given a phase one Small

Business Innovative Research grant from Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency which lasted a year. Pethel researched industry interest and accomplishments in the field and met three researchers, Ned Corron and Terry Okonek from Dynetics and Krishna Myneni from Science Applications International Corporation (SAIC), who were already working with this technology. Pethel brought them on board to research the possibilities. With their progress, a SBIR phase two grant was awarded and the team kept working.

The goal of the grant and the research was to determine if chaos controller could be done and what was needed to do it.

"The project was to build a chaos controller," Pethel said. "We built two of them but we were trying to build a high frequency controller. We found out we could only build the first part."

A chaos controller usually is built in three stages. When Pethel and his team built the first phase of their high frequency controller, they discovered that it was performing all three stages.

"We were testing out the first stage and suddenly we got control," he said, describing the first time they achieved the goal. "We didn't understand it at first— why it was working, so we sat down and thought about it to figure out how it worked. Basically, we reverse engineered it."

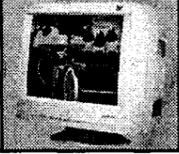
Pethel said they didn't jump up and down and shout when they realized their development, but it was very exciting. The group stopped everything and began developing the high speed version of the chaos controller.

It took about four months from the discovery to the demonstration of their chaos controller.

Pethel applied for a joint patent between the Army, Dynetics and SAIC. The group also submitted a paper for publication to a premiere physics journal.

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Right on target...

THAAD missile defense system shows progress

By Skip Vaughn

Oh so close.

That aptly describes the distance between the THAAD missile and its target vehicle in its last attempted intercept. Despite a thruster nozzle that broke 23 seconds into the flight, the missile missed wide right by only about 30 feet.

And there was more positive than negative about the test conducted March 29 at White Sands Missile Range, N.M., according to Col. Louis Deeter, the THAAD project manager.

"I think we learned a lot on this last firing," Deeter said. "This is a system development, not just a missile development. And while the missile has gotten a lot of attention, the system has continued to progress very well. We were able to show the full system from a system perspective worked very well."

The Theater High Altitude Area Defense system includes the radar, battle manager, launcher and missile. All of these parts— except the missile — worked as hoped in the ninth test.

"And the missile worked very well except for that one nozzle breaking. Everything continued to work," Deeter said.

The thruster nozzle, about the length of a pencil, was on the rear of the kill vehicle. Each of the 10 thrusters fire to maneuver the missile in flight. Despite the broken thruster, the missile still came within 30 feet of a target vehicle which was flying more than 3,000 feet per second.

"This was one of the thruster nozzles that would've caused the missile to move left and we missed to the right. And that would've been consistent with that nozzle breaking," Deeter said.

Officials are trying to find out why the nozzle— made of carbon filter material — broke. Boeing manufactures the nozzle.

Under a prior agreement with the Army, prime contractor Lockheed Martin lost \$15 million because of the failed intercept. Lockheed Martin can recoup the money if THAAD has three successful intercepts by December.

Of the nine tests so far, six have been intercept attempts. The next attempted intercept is scheduled for late May at White Sands. Four more flights are planned; and there are six missiles available.

Lockheed Martin was competitively awarded the THAAD contract in 1992. Raytheon won a contract for the THAAD radar that same year. THAAD Project Office, which has about 175 members, works for the Program Executive Office for Air and Missile Defense. The program is funded by the Ballistic Missile Defense Organization. The missile is assembled and tested in Courtland.



Photo by Skip Vaughn

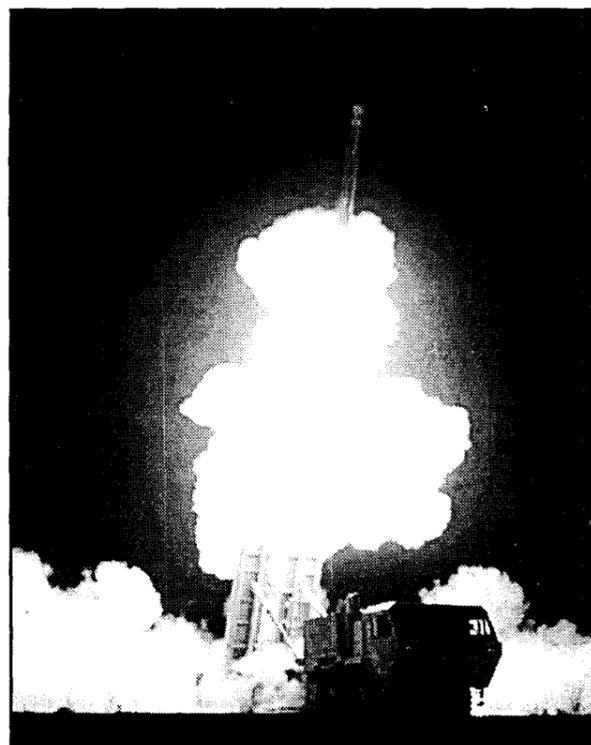
PROJECT MANAGER— Deeter shows a model of the THAAD missile in his office at Research Park.

Deeter said current events show the need for the THAAD missile defense system. Pakistan, India, North Korea and China have all been testing missiles that could pose a threat.

"Our nation as well as Department of Defense, as well as our allies, need this capability in order to counter the threats that exist in the world today," Deeter said.

Despite the lack of an intercept so far, he sees continuing progress in THAAD's development.

"I would say from a system standpoint, this was the



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UP AND AWAY— The THAAD missile leaves its launcher during the early morning test March 29 at White Sands.

most successful flight we had and it proves we're on the right track in our system engineering to be able to make this system work," Deeter said.

"You have to fly to learn, and we need to fly these missiles to learn. And while we are frustrated when we don't have total success, we learn from every flight."

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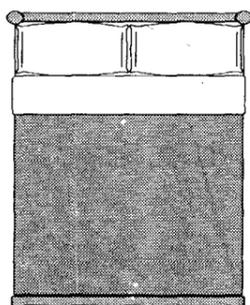
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From sports to spirituality...

Kramer hits a homer as Post Soldier of the Month

By Sandy Riebeling

Spec. Mark Kramer said that growing up in Oswego, Ill., was the best of both worlds.

"We lived a few miles out of town and then Chicago was only a half an hour away," Kramer said. "I don't think I'd want to move back, though. I'm hoping to go to Fort Carson in Colorado or maybe Germany, next."

Kramer, 24, a chaplain's assistant, was selected as April's Post Soldier of the Month.

"The Army has been good to me," he said. "I've been able to travel and go to school. And I like what I do here at the chapel."

Kramer joined the Army Reserves in 1993, serving eight months before enlisting for active duty.

"When I was in AIT (Advanced Individual Training) in the reserves, I started looking at the way the soldiers lived and the life and it started me thinking about going on active duty."

Kramer chose to be a chaplain's

assistant because the skills included office work, typing and bookkeeping which were things he already knew how to do.

"We handle the spiritual side here, but we're just like any other organization," he said. "We have to do the paperwork too."

As a chaplain's assistant, Kramer's duties cover everything from accounting to coordinating chapel events to setting up the altar before mass.

"I do a lot of different things and I really like what I do. I learn a lot about other religions."

Kramer was brought up in a home of denominational mixture. His father was Catholic and his mother Baptist.

"I didn't really start going to church on my own until high school," he said. "I guess it was kind of selfish why I first started. My sisters wanted me to go to their church and I went, but it was so I could play on the church softball team. After a while, I started going for myself though. It felt

good to go."

His love of God and sports still remain. Kramer played on the post soccer team for two years and is hoping to get enough interest among the soldiers to play on an indoor soccer league team at the Von Braun Center.

"I love golf and soccer, but my first passion is baseball," he said. "I would like to find somewhere around here to play on a team this summer. I like other sports, like hockey, I just don't think I skate good enough to compete in a game. I'll just have to watch."

There's another side to this single soldier. He is learning to play the guitar and someday wants to write a book, but for now he settles for poetry and short stories. Kramer also is pursuing a degree in either English or journalism.

"I've got a year left at Redstone before I have to decide if I want to reenlist," he said. "Getting stationed at Fort Carson would be nice because my mom lives in Denver."



Photo by Sandy Riebeling

EVERYTHING JUST SO— It's Kramer's job to prepare the chapel before services each day.

Experience the power tonight at Redstone Arsenal theater

The Birmingham Metro Master's Commission from Kingwood Assembly of God church in Alabaster will present a "Power Night" program tonight at 7 at the Post Theater, building 3712, corner of Patton Road and Aerobee. The program consists of human videos, power feats, devotionals, testimonies and illustrated songs.

The Master's Commission program is a nine-month nationwide discipleship training program dedicated to the call of "Go into all the world and make disciples..." (Matthew 28:19). The program is dedicated to the development of students in spiritual growth and outreach. The Master's Commission uses a number of ministries

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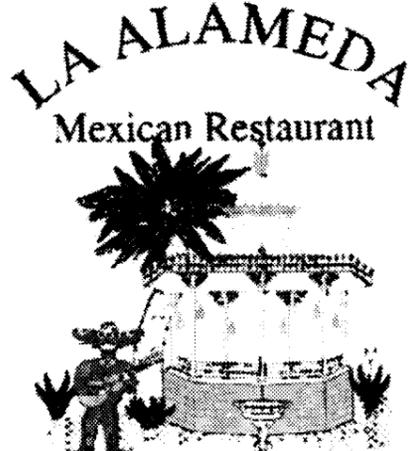
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Among MWR activities...

Hillside golf course has grand opening this Saturday

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

- **Golf course ceremony**— All golfers in the Redstone community are invited to the Hillside Course Grand Opening Ceremony on Saturday. In celebration of this event, the RSA Clubhouse will offer a free continental breakfast from 6-9 a.m. (Regular breakfast will also be available at half price for this special day.) The course opening ceremony will begin at 7:45 a.m. at the first tee on the Hillside Course. Maj. Gen. Emmitt Gibson, post commander, is to commemorate the new course with a ceremonial first drive. The Hillside renovation project gives Redstone Arsenal an 18-hole championship golf course, to PGA standards. For more information about the RSA Golf Course, call 883-7977.
- **Soldatenstube "Mayfest"**— Saturday will bring the first Mayfest on Redstone

Arsenal! Bring the entire family out to the Soldatenstube (building 3512, across from Self-Help) from noon until 4 p.m. Free games, face painting, free soft drinks for children 12 and under and much more. If you just can't wait for Oktoberfest, come join us for Mayfest! Come out and enjoy and your favorite German foods and beverages: grilled bratwurst, hot dogs, popcorn, cotton candy just to name a few. For more information about Mayfest or to make dinner reservations, call 830-CLUB.... Don't forget to book the Soldatenstube's new Patio Sun Room for your private parties. Call 830-9227 for party bookings.

- **Swimming pools**— The Redstone swimming pools are scheduled to open May 29 at 11 a.m. Season swim passes will go on sale Saturday at Outdoor Recreation (building 5129, 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Sunday) and at the Recreation Center (building 3711, 1:30-8 p.m. Wednesday through Friday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

Saturday and Sunday). Family season passes are \$40, individual season passes are \$30. Daily passes and guest passes can be purchased at each pool site for \$2 per person. There are three pools available for the Redstone community: pool 1 on Vincent Drive, pool 2 at the Challenger Club, and pool 3 on Goss Road. Swim lessons are also available this summer. For more information, call Outdoor Recreation 876-4868/6854.

- **Turkey shoot**— Outdoor Recreation presents the 1999 Turkey Shoot annual schedule: May 8, June 12, Sept. 11, Nov. 6 and 13, Dec. 11 and 18, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. between trap and skeet ranges. The cost is \$4 per shot, and prizes are awarded. For more information, call 876-4868.

- **Mother's Day brunch**— Tickets are on sale now for this year's Mother's Day Brunch from 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. May 9 at the Redstone Arsenal Club. Tickets are \$11.50 for members, \$12.50 for non-mem-

bers, \$5 for children 7-12; and children 6-under are admitted free. The menu for the brunch will be: creamed beef, home fried potatoes, grilled ham slices, sausage patties, scrambled eggs, cheese blitz's with fruit topping, chicken ala king, carved roast sirloin of beef, rice pilaf, green bean casserole, biscuits and rolls, blueberry muffins, coffee, tea and yogurt bar.

- **Health fair '99**— The Wellness Center presents Health Fair '99! The entire Redstone community is invited to attend the Health Fair, May 11 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Free screenings of cholesterol, bone density, blood pressure and more. Come enjoy the complimentary refreshments, entertainment and door prizes while learning how to maintain a healthy lifestyle! For more information, call the Wellness Center 955-6844.

Tournaments, book sales, carnival on tap for ongoing AER drive

All that fun stuff going on to raise money for the Army Emergency Relief campaign will continue through May 15. Here's a calendar of some of the upcoming events:

- **Today-Friday**— Book Sale, sponsored by Command Analysis Directorate, in the lobby of building 5300 second floor. To donate books or CDs, cassette tapes and videos, call Marla Cobbs 842-9925 or Joan Miller 955-0147.
- **Today**— Car wash, sponsored by IMMC Business Management Direc-

torate, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. today at north side of building 5309. Rain date is Thursday. For more information, call Bonnie Hankis 876-9433.

- **Also today**— Popcorn sale from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at building 5300, south hall, for \$1 per bag. This sale is sponsored by Corporate Information Center.
- **Saturday**— HHC AMCOM celebrity car wash from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the PX tire center on Goss Road. For more information, call Sgt. Johnson 313-2875 or fax 955-9171.
- **May 4**— Carnival from 10 a.m. to 2

p.m. at the Missile Research Development and Engineering Center... Fun Run/Walk, from 1-3 p.m., at Burose Road and entrance into Sparkman Center.

- **May 4-5**— Rummage sale, sponsored by CIC, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at building 5309, room 9128.
- **May 6**— Mother's Day Plant Sale from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the northeast parking

lot of building 5309.

- **Also May 6**— Bowling tournament, sponsored by CIC, from 11:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Registration fee is \$10. For information call Sgt. Maj. Jackson 876-4516.
- **May 7**— Golf tournament at the Redstone Arsenal Golf Club. Entry fee is \$36. For more information, call Mary Russell 883-7977.

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Aviation award...

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Michael bronze award during a ceremony at Fort Eustis, Va. Making the presentation is Gen. Peter Schoomaker, commander of U.S. Special Operations Command.

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"This technology is not something industry has been very interested in in the past," Pethel said. "I believe this is an area the government can play an important role in developing."

The long range goal for Pethel is to see this technology developed enough to use in diode lasers. The research and develop-

ments of the technology has an added benefit for Pethel on a personal level. He is currently working on his doctorate at University of Alabama which deals with the reaction of diode lasers in close proximity, which is an element that makes them chaotic.

Pethel says that the technology could be developed to be extremely useful in aviation and weapons systems as well. The controller is small, fast and simple which means it should find use in many areas.

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Sergeants make time for veterans home, boys/girls club locally

Basic NCO class 1-35-C40-005-99 recently contributed their time to the Huntsville community. The class visited the local Veterans Home on the April 13, and the local Boys and Girls Club on April 15. Both events were successful, as the sergeants from the NCO Academy shared with people from both sides of the age spectrum.

Angela Shirley, from the Veterans Home, helped coordinate a night for the class to visit the home and take part in a good pizza dinner. Class members helped serve pizza and drinks as they listened to the interesting stories of the veterans that reside in the home. O.T. Smith, Arnold Paugh, Mr. Patterson, and Mr. Robinson were among the many residents that welcomed the class. Their stories were interesting, and their company was pleasant. Other activities that night included music, domino games, and walks in the courtyard.

Two days later the class visited the Boys

and Girls Club in Huntsville. Liz Corell was the coordinator from the club, and helped the class plan the event. The class was welcomed warmly and given a tour of the facility. Many different activities took place at the club. Staff member Henry Hammonds, the team coordinator, allowed a couple of the sergeants to practice with the soccer team, while some of the young men at the club challenged the BNCO class to a friendly game of basketball. The class also took part in other activities such as volleyball, pool and foosball. The kids at the center were very lively and everyone had a good time.

Both events were an excellent opportunity for the members of BNCO class 1-35-C40-005-99 to take part in the local community. Class members said that visiting the Veterans Home was a great experience, and that visiting the Boys and Girls Club was fun. (NCO Academy release)

WEEK

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Participants in the art contest are asked to submit an 8x10 drawing that depicts a public servant. The subject of the essay contest is, "Why I would like to be a (any public service job)." Entries should be limited to one page.

First, second, and third place prizes will

be awarded in each of the three categories. An awards ceremony will be held May 6 at Madison Square Mall.

Federal employees are invited to go into the Huntsville/Madison County schools during PSRW week and talk about careers in government. For those who are interested, call Margaret Banish-Donaldson in the Public Affairs Office at 842-0558 regarding the Speaker's Bureau.

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unmanned version of the mine clearing system.

If the one-year, \$900,000 feasibility contract shows it can be done, the system will then be included in the Advance Concept Technology Demonstration in 2001. This ACTD will deal specifically with industrial technologies available for the military's mine clearing needs, called Joint Area Clearance.

"When the military has a need or requirement—in this case, mine clearing—there are two ways to go about meeting the need," Curcio said. "The first is to do a standard system development and create what we need. The second is to have an ACTD and invite industry with existing technology to participate in the demonstration. They may already have something that

will meet the need or that can be modified to do it and we don't have to go through all the initial research and development of a new system."

As the military continues supporting humanitarian efforts around the world, the need for land mine clearing devices becomes more critical.

The U.S. has one other mine clearing vehicle system which, like the Panther, is only a prototype. The Mini-Flail is a small unmanned anti-personnel mine clearing system developed for use in areas too small for the Panther, such as small paths and woodland areas. Of the five produced, four are working in Bosnia and one is at Fort Leonard Wood used for training.

Sarge is the other unmanned ground vehicle in use. Also a prototype, this jeep-like vehicle has a video feed to allow troops to scout unknown territories before entering.

SAVE

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The tax assistance center was co-sponsored by the staff judge advocate office and Army Community Service. Mary Breeden of ACS ensured the staff members had all the necessary materials and supplies.

"Thanks also to Ron Overcast of the Shoppette. He supplied us with candy throughout the tax season for our customers," Cain said. "Robbie Curry was our IRS trainer and she assisted us in answering tough tax issues.

"This is truly one way the Army shows it's dedicated to taking care of its soldiers. It's a top-of-the-line tax program that's designed to ensure the taxpayers get everything coming to them. I would like to thank everyone who utilized our services and I would encourage more people

to utilize it next year. We assisted everyone from privates to lieutenant colonels that were very much pleased with the services we provided and with the fast refunds they received."

Of the 1,260 federal returns, some 1,040 were filed electronically and 220 on paper.

The tax assistance center opened Feb. 1 at building 3475. That building on Honest John Road is used year-round by ACS, and serves as the tax center during the filing season.

"Mainly throughout the tax season, there was a pretty busy flow with people eager to get their refunds," Cain said. "It slowed down in March and then we had the last-minute April rush. New and old customers alike stated they will continue to utilize this service in future tax years."

Now that the center is closed, those who need followup assistance should stop by the Legal Office at building 111.

TEST

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the gunner observed target arrays at two separate en route target sites. The gunner "marked" an armored target at X-Site, a "first time" event for an EFOGM firing to date.

Target marking is accomplished by pointing the seeker at a "target of opportunity" during missile flyout and designating the target using a gunner's console button, at which point the system automatically calculates the target's coordinates and time tags it for transmission to battlefield managers. Target marking effectively provides battlefield commanders with precise real-time coordinates of "targets of opportunity" which can be used for targeting by subsequent EFOGM missiles or by other weapon systems on the battlefield. Following a pre-planned flight trajectory, the gunner detected and designated the primary armored target at G-16. The system autotracker interacted with seeker video to maintain a lock on the designated armored target to assure that the missile dove to successful and precise target

impact on the tank's engine deck.

Missile performance data validated that the firing pulse was successfully sent to the missile's warhead arming system. Flight time from launch to impact at G-16 was 99 seconds with a flight path over the pre-planned route of slightly over 11 km.

EFOGM is an Army Advanced Technology Demonstration program and a key contributor to the Rapid Force Projection Initiative Advanced Concept Technology Demonstration concept.

The Guided Test Vehicle flight series is designed to demonstrate, in progressive steps, the fully tactical EFOGM design to include Imaging Infrared seeker, warhead, precision guidance software, Electronic Safe and Arm Device operation, and full gunner control capability throughout flight. Future GTV flights will fully demonstrate the tactical capability of the system to include precision warhead strikes on armored targets.

The success of the GTV-3 mission reflects on the professional and dedicated EFOGM firing team and Redstone/White Sands support element. This team included

members from the EFOGM PMO, the AMCOM Research, Development & Engineering Center, Raytheon Systems Company, its subcontractors, and White Sand's National Range and Materiel Test Directorate support personnel. Preparation for the next firing at White Sands, the first EFOGM mission to carry a live tactical warhead, is under way. Hardware/software integration and test for the GTV-4 mission is on schedule to support another firing from LC-50 in June at White Sands.

The EFOGM program is managed by the EFOGM Project Office, which reports to Brig. Gen. Robert Armbruster, deputy for systems acquisition. EFOGM is designed and built in Huntsville by its prime contractor, Raytheon Systems Company. (EFOGM Project Office release)

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Four basket weavers get hooked on their crafty new hobby

By Margaret Banish-Donaldson

The Christmas countdown is upon us. Judy Fernet, Jane Johnston, Carol Kirby and Julie Tesi are determined to find just the right something for everyone on their list this time by making their own "country baskets."

Fernet, Johnston and Kirby are logisticians with the Security Assistance Management Directorate; and Tesi is a secretary for Robert Kennedy, director of the Aviation Research, Development and Engineering Center.

Tesi saw a flyer for basket weaving classes at a craft fair at the Von Braun Center. She convinced Kirby to try taking the class with her. After taking the first couple of classes, Tesi then convinced Fernet who in turn invited Johnston. Now all four women are hooked on basket weaving.

"Baskets are something I love," Tesi said. "I really feel they represent one of the most specialized and rarest of Native American arts."

The four women have made a hearth and holiday basket and other baskets to hold magazines, bread, peanuts and chips. They plan to continue with the classes and create other baskets that have panache and style.

Classes are taught by veteran weaver Rita Rogers on Tuesday or Thursday evenings from 6 to 10 p.m. in her home in Madison. Class size ranges from 15 to 20 people.

Prices for the classes, for beginners to advanced weavers, are \$18 to \$35 and include all supplies. The supplies consist of bases and hoops used as foundations for weaving, and colored walnut stain, washes, and oil applied finishes.

"I enjoy giving classes so the students can finish the baskets in one sitting,"



Dorothy Moore/Photo Lab

SHOW AND TELL— From left Tesi, Johnston and Fernet show each other the baskets they have made in their classes. Some are for gifts and some will become treasured family heirlooms. Kirby is not pictured.

Rogers said.

"Interest in basket weaving is growing," Tesi said, which Rogers confirms by the huge demand for her classes.

Kirby enjoys watching the change take place when the four women take bundles of reeds, sea grass and twine to create useful and artistic accessories for their homes or for gift giving.

"Weaving is a great creative outlet," Kirby said. "I have immense respect for the pattern designers and teachers of this ancient craft. Like snowflakes, no two baskets are alike. Even when the weavers are working from the same pattern, each person imprints his or her personal style by selecting their choice of colors and finishing stain, and employing their particular weaving tension and technique to their bas-

kets. Like other artists and crafters, the weavers develop their own signature style based on individual interpretation and touch.

Each basket is unique and beautiful. I never saw a handmade basket I didn't like!"

Johnston said she enjoys basketry because it's something she can do without using a glue gun. And when it's finished, it's a nice product, something anyone can use. It can be lined with tissue paper (colored or white) followed either by a festive linen tea towel, artificial flowers, perishable items or fragrant souvenirs.

"You can finish your basket with the stain that Rogers makes from black walnut shells; then let it hang for 24 hours to dry," Fernet said. "Otherwise, if you spray stain them, the baskets dry in less time. The baskets are waterproof too."

The baskets can be made in a range of colors to match any decor to suit the most eclectic of tastes. Rogers provides a wide array of hand dyed colored reeds to choose from every week.

Rogers planned to have a basket-weaving demonstration at Panoply arts festival, April 24 in the demonstration tent. This was her third year at Panoply in Big Spring Park.

Gators consume tourney crown

Headquarters & Alpha wins in preseason volleyball

The Gators are already chomping the competition in troop volleyball.

Headquarters and Alpha Company won the preseason volleyball tournament held April 7-16 at Pagano Gym. The Gators beat Charlie Company in the final of the double-elimination tournament which had

nine teams.

Charlie Company (4-2) forced a second game in the final by beating the Gators 15-10, 1-15, 15-10.

The Gators (4-1) won the second game showdown 15-9, 15-6.

Ronnie Fankhauser is the coach and a hitter for the Gators. Other members of the tournament champs include hitters Michael Moyers, William Kelly and Robert Bullard; and setters Richard DeArmas and Wilmell Cruz.



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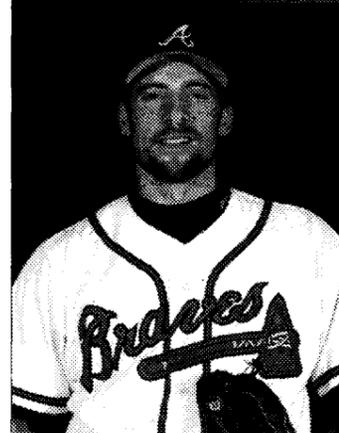
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Basic NCO students repair bicycles for youngsters here

By Tychicus Best

Volunteering is an art form that has been lost on many. Different organizations in our community count on volunteers for their success. Two such organizations are the School Age Services and the Youth Services.

On April 16 the Basic NCO class 645-55B30-003-99 volunteered their evening time to the services. The class was charged with fixing the bicycles that the center owned. With the hot weather coming, the center felt that it was time to get the bicycles inspected and serviced before the kids take them on the street. A few of the bicycles were out of the expertise of some of the class members, however the majority of them were given a go for the coming riding season.

The students of the class said that they were glad that they could give something to the community. Some students reflected on when they were growing up that there wasn't anything around like the school age services. Many wanted the kids to have something that they didn't have. It turned out to be a little more work than the students thought it would be. The students thought that they would only be checking air pressure, chains, and brakes. Instead there was a lot of work to do changing rims, adjusting seats, replacing rims, changing tires, and so on.

This is one of many projects that the school age services need help with. BNCOC classes may come and go but you the people of the community will be here for a while. So please give up your free time if you have any. Ann Cooper, the director, of the services will be glad to accept any free time you may have. To contact her call 876-6595 or stop by building 3400 for school age services or building 3148 for the youth services. The class hopes that their project at the youth services will be the start of something new and wonderful for the youth and school age services.

The members of class 645-55B30-003-99 include Sgt. Brian Koder, Sgt. Michael Hull, Sgt. Marlon Slade, Sgt. Tychicus Best, Sgt. James Douglas, Sgt. Luis Perez, Sgt. Machelie Winn, Sgt. Eric Shuping, Sgt. Oscar Romine, SSgt. Walter Kern, Sgt. Andres Abella; and SSgt. Kevin Gilmore, the small group leader.

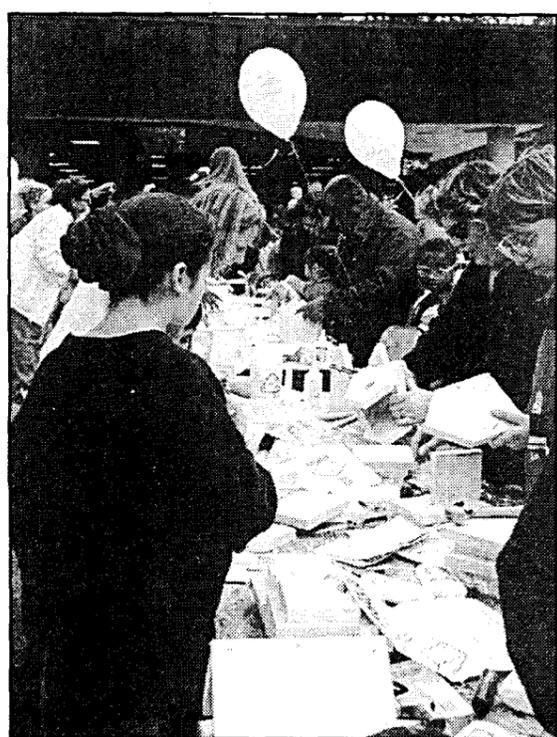


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Block party...

Youngsters and parents enjoy a crafts table at the Block Party, April 17. The entertainment, prizes, free hot dogs and drinks, and dozens of fun activities made this year's Block Party another success. This is the high point of the Month of the Military Child. As a wrap-up to the month, the Mayfest will be held May 1 at the Soldatenstube.

Thanks to garden club... Electronic sign area showing new colors from landscaping

By June Johns

Stop and smell the flowers. Or at least take a good look at them. Especially the foliage surrounding Gate 8. Look also at the greenery around the electronic sign at the northwest corner where Goss Road and Vincent Drive intersect. You may take this area's bit of dynamic blooming color for granted, but the members of the Officer and Civilian Women's Club (OCWC) Garden Club don't.

The group of garden enthusiasts adopted the Gate 8 area in January 1995, under Redstone's Adopt an Area/Road Program. Ever since that time, these dynamos have committed their green thumbs and garden tools to improving the look of the Arsenal. Their mission (and they decided to accept it) is to be responsible for: 1) the landscape design 2) the requisition of materials for seasonal planting and 3) the maintenance of their adopted area.

In fact, the group has done their job so well, they were recognized in 1996 by the Army Communities of Excellence "Hats Off" program for doing an exceptional job of maintaining and consistently improving the appearance of Gate 8.

In addition, Atty Allred, who has served as the Garden Club's president and project chairman, oversees the beautification efforts of all the flower beds surrounding Bicentennial Chapel.

Which is probably why Allred was approached by Directorate of Management and Operations personnel to design a landscape scheme suitable for the electronic sign area on Goss Road. Allred then went to work recruiting additional Garden Club members to plant and maintain



Photo by June Johns

DIGGING AWAY— From left Atty Allred, Jo Brown, and Betty Chesak, members of the Officer and Civilian Women's Club (OCWC) Garden Club, help beautify the area surrounding the electronic sign located at the northwest corner of Goss Road and Vincent Drive.

this area. Their beautification efforts began on April 19, and will be recognized during a dedication ceremony scheduled for Thursday at 10 a.m. next to the Goss Road sign. Col. Steven Hamilton, deputy post commander, will be on hand to present club members with commander's coins and a certificate of appreciation.



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putting this new distribution method in place.

Additional benefits are being added to your club membership. Watch for details in the upcoming club calendar and future letters to the membership.

We received word recently that a \$75,000 facility improvement grant for the Redstone Arsenal Club has been approved by AMC MWR. So be watching for some facility improvements too!

Golfers should all plan to be at the Redstone Golf Clubhouse on Saturday, May 1. Starting at 7 a.m. a free continental breakfast will be served, and then you're invited to attend the ceremonial first tee-shot by Maj. Gen. Emmitt Gibson at the 1st hole of the beautiful Hillside Course. Yes, it's finally

opening for good; the \$1 million course renovation and improvement project is complete. It's important to know that this project was completed with Army MWR funds— not a penny of taxpayer dollars. The Redstone Golf Course is now better able to serve our golf customers with 27 holes of challenging, championship-quality tees, fairways, and greens. Hope to see you all there (and later the same day at the Soldatenstube for the Mayfest).

I love to talk with customers about MWR operations, plans, or any ways in which you feel we could improve our many services (not just the ones noted above). So give me a call at 876-2073, and let me know whether we're your "First Choice" for community and family services here in beautiful North Alabama.

Dan Ahern
Director,
Community and Family Activities

Crossing the line

Some years ago someone had the presence of mind to place a double yellow line on the pavement delineating the proper approach to Burger King's drive through order point. There must have been a good reason for this action; I presume it was because before the double yellow line appeared the "waiting to order" line of cars commonly blocked the parking lot exit most effectively— departure was often impossible! The double yellow lines worked very well for a short while, then folks started fudging a little by driving on the lines, then a bit more fudging by straddling the lines, then more fudging until now, it seems that most drivers go so far on the "wrong" side of the double yellow lines that the lines appear meaningless. Of course now departure from the parking lot has again become frequently difficult during traffic peaks.

This situation became ridiculous last Tuesday morning. As I was waiting to

order barely to the right of the double yellow lines behind two cars on the left of the lines, a pickup truck pulled in behind me, paused momentarily, then crossed far over the lines and raced parallel to my car. The driver appeared to be agitated at me— perhaps I angered him by not breaking the law as he was doing; if I remember correctly, it's illegal to cross over or drive to the left of double yellow lines.

Perhaps the appropriate proponent could do something to restore order to this difficult traffic situation, such as repainting the double yellow lines and adding bump reflectors. Perhaps more may be required, such a barricade to force vehicles into the appropriate approach lane, or traffic officers with large ticket books. Such measures would be unnecessary, however, if drivers elected not to disregard traffic laws— don't cross over double yellow lines. Failing that, we could put into practice a unique concept currently promulgated by the Army— Consideration of Others — don't block the parking lot exit!

Name withheld by request

WARRIORS

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An interesting note is that wheelchair-accessible units must be provided for the women so that they will fit with their hoop skirts!

When a reenactment takes place at the site of a large battle, the action is "scripted" to follow what actually happened. As many as 20,000 people take part. Around 1,000 people attend at some of the smaller sites, where what occurs is more improvised — the South usually wins the first day and the Union wins on the second day. Participants are not told if and when they will die. They usually decide to let this happen when they begin to get tired. The battles are always very noisy — lots of rifle fire, and sometimes artillery as well. Most reenactments are preceded by a formal military ball and a

church service, where costumed Yankees and Rebels mix freely.

Along with Bob Smith, another Arsenal employee, the Kings will be providing props and costumes for the upcoming Huntsville Community Chorus Association production of Shenandoah. This 1975 musical, which later became a well-known Jimmy Stewart movie, tells the story of an isolationist Virginia family during the final months of the Civil War. The family patriarch refuses to allow his clan to be drawn into the war, until his youngest son is mistakenly captured by Union troops. The rest of the play chronicles the family's attempt to find and rescue the boy. Against this backdrop of war, the lives of the family continue— there is love and joy, and pain and loss.

The show will be performed at the Von Braun Center at 7:30 p.m. Friday, and 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Saturday. Call 533-6606 for information.

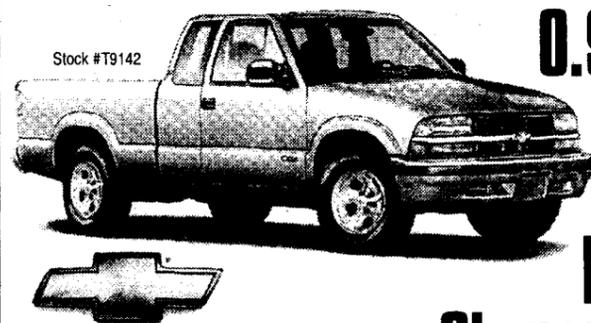
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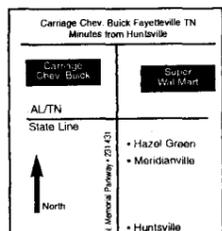
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Sports & Recreation

Brotherhood 5K

The annual Brotherhood Run 5K will be held May 22 at building 3440 across from Pagano Gym. Trophies will be awarded for the first three places in each age group: 19-under, 20-29, 30-39, 40-49, and 50-over. Fee is \$10 before April 23 or \$12 thereafter and race day. Registration starts at 8 a.m., with the race at 9:30. For more information call MSgt. Battle 842-2234, MSgt. McGuire 876-6427 or 1st Lt. Coe 842-0585.

Fun Run/walk

The AER Fun Run/Walk will be held from 1-3 p.m. May 4 at Burose Road and entrance into Sparkman Center. The event is open to everyone. Proceeds will benefit the Army Emergency Relief fund. There will be door prizes for those who register for this event or make a donation of \$3. For tickets call Edna Dye, Sparkman Management Office, 876-2029; Jean Evans, Personnel and Training Directorate, 842-0107; Jackie White, Equal Employment Opportunity Office, 876-3591; Margaret Banish-Donaldson, Public Affairs Office, 842-0558; April Brooks, Internal Review and Audit Compliance Office, 842-6944; Janice Powell, Secretary of the General Staff, 876-1770; Dorothy Hosea, Protocol, 876-7138; or Sandra Jackson, Safety Office, 842-8626.

Ladies golf

The Redstone Arsenal Ladies Golf Association will hold a Beautification Scramble at 1 p.m. Saturday at Redstone Golf Course. Proceeds from this tournament will go toward purchasing flowers, trees and other supplies to help improve the golf course. The tournament is a four-person scramble with A, B, C and D players on each team. Entry fee is \$15. This does not include cart or green fees. Everyone is invited to sign up at the golf course for this event. If you are unable to play in the tournament, a donation may be made through the Redstone Arsenal Ladies Golf Association for Golf Club beautification.

Boating license

Effective today, all persons age 12 and older must be licensed to operate a motorized vessel on Alabama waters. A one-time fee of \$5 will be charged as an application fee if you have a current Alabama driver's license. If you are a non-resident or non-licensed driver, the cost is \$20 for the application fee. Applicants must go to the Department of Public Safety Driver's License Examining Office in the county of residence (for Madison County: 1115 Church St.) to make application, take eye exam, pay fees, and successfully complete written/oral exam. (To be exempt from exam, applicants must show proof of a valid U.S. Coast Guard Motorboat Operator's License, a U.S. Power Squadron Boating Course, a U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary Boating Course, any state of Alabama Marine Police Division approved boating course, or was age 40 or older on April 28, 1994.) Applicants will then proceed to the License Commissioners office (there is a branch collocated with the License Examining Office on Church Street) to have the "V" endorsement placed on their driver's license (applicants will be assessed the cost for a new driver's license). Beginning today, the Redstone Arsenal Outdoor Recreation center will be required to verify the "V" endorsement on users driver's licenses before renting a motorized water vessel; or for military personnel and their families from another state stationed in Alabama, possession

of a valid water vessel operator's certification issued in their home state. For more information call the Alabama Marine Police Division (334) 242-3673 or Outdoor Recreation 876-4868.

Tennis clinic

A free Tennis Across America clinic is scheduled for 9-11 a.m. May 9 at Colonial Village Apartments in Research Park; and again from 9-11 a.m. May 15 at Bob Jones High School. This event is sponsored by the U.S. Tennis Association. Be among the thousands of players hitting millions of tennis balls in this 10th annual nationwide celebration of the sport of a lifetime. For more information, call the Youth Development Association and the Garrett Tennis Academy 464-9906.

Miscellaneous

Animal adoption

A marathon effort to find homes for orphaned animals will take place the first weekend in May at the Greater Huntsville Humane Society (GHHS). Located at 2812 Johnson Road, the Humane Society will be open on Saturday and Sunday, May 1 and 2, during extended hours in an all-out attempt to unite animal-loving families with shelter animals who are in need of quality homes. The GHHS will be open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, and from 1-5 p.m. Sunday. During this community event, complimentary refreshments will be served and there will be drawings for free door prizes. Each adopting family will receive several free gifts, courtesy of PETSMART. A "Be King to Animals" coloring contest for children will be held; there will be no cost to enter and prizes will be awarded in various age categories. In addition, the GHHS Thrift Shop will remain open during Adoptathon hours, with all proceeds benefiting local homeless animals. For more information on Pet Adoptathon, call the Greater Huntsville Humane Society 881-8081.

Catholic community

Our Lady of the Valley, Catholic Community at Bicentennial Chapel announces the following: Rosary is recited daily at 11:30 a.m., followed by either a communion service or Mass at noon.... Confirmation will be celebrated at 7 p.m. May 6.

AER book sale

Command Analysis Directorate's annual AER book sale will be held through Friday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at building 5300, second floor, CAD lobby. "We have lots of romance, sci-fi, mystery, fantasy, and other fiction books, as well as non-fiction, and textbooks. We also have a small selection of VHS videos, CDs, and cassette tapes. For you collectors out there, we have about 20 BETA movies," a prepared release said. "We are auctioning a set of Time Life WWII Books. Book prices range from 25 cents to \$3. VHS videos and CDs are \$1-\$2 each. BETA movies are \$5. Please come to CAD's AER book sale to support a good cause and help the Army care for its own." For more

information, call Marla Cobbs 842-9925.

Resource managers

The American Society of Military Comptrollers will have its annual picnic at 11 a.m. May 13 at the Col. Carroll Hudson Recreation Area. Menu includes quarter chicken, baked beans, potato salad, slaw, bread, and soft drink. There will be games and door prizes. Bring your lawn chair and blanket and get ready to relax and have fun in the sun. Cost is \$2 for members, \$5 for non-members. Get your ticket by close of business May 6. For reservations call Janet Siersma 955-3890. Volunteers are still needed. For more information or to volunteer, call Tammy Moore 876-3033.

Memorial scholarship

Huntsville Chapter of the National Contract Management Association may award up to three scholarships of \$1,000 each to college students pursuing a degree related to contract or procurement management or to NCMA members pursuing the UAH Contract Management Certificate Program. Applications are due by May 31. For more information, call Patsy Robinson 837-8004.

Sergeants major

The Sergeants Major Association will hold its monthly meeting May 20 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.

Toastmasters

Do you want to improve your speech? Visit and join Redstone Toastmasters which meets each Tuesday at 6 p.m. at Morrison's Cafeteria in Madison Square Mall. For more information, call Joe Jones 461-0476.

AER cookout

ATACMS-BAT will hold its third annual Army Emergency Relief car wash/cookout from 10:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. May 13 at the PEO Tactical Missiles building 5250 at the northwest corner. Let the project office wash your car while you have lunch. Menu includes hamburgers, hot dogs, chips, drinks and baked desserts.

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Asian Pacific contest

As a tribute to this year's Asian Pacific American Heritage Month, the AMCOM/OMMCS EEO/EO Office will sponsor 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 can be faxed or mailed to arrive at either office by close of business May 13: Commander, Aviation and Missile Command, Attn: AMSAM-EO (SFC Pugh); or Commandant, OMMCS, Attn: ASTK-AE (SFC Quesenberry). The fax numbers are 876-8947 or 842-6853. Organizations that set up a static display should have them in place by close of business May 13 and

must notify either office of the location and point-of-contact to ensure that your displays will be evaluated. Judging will take place May 14; and a representative should be available for questions and photos. Plaques will be awarded for the top two essays and trophies to the top three displays May 25 during the Asian Pacific Heritage Month luncheon at the Redstone Arsenal Club from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. For more information, call SFC Pugh 876-8648 or SFC Quesenberry 876-9224.

Asian Pacific month

The Asian Pacific American Program Committee will meet at 1 p.m. Thursday in the EEO Office conference room, building 5300, room 5130, to discuss plans for the Asian Pacific American Heritage Month Program celebration in May. "Your support and ideas are needed to plan an outstanding program for this upcoming event," a prepared release said. "It is requested that committee members and interested employees plan to attend with your supervisor's approval." For more information call Clarenza Clark, Asian Pacific American Program manager, 313-2825.

Bible study

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

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.

Wireless networks

University of Cincinnati professor Dharma Agrawal will give a talk on "Wireless and Mobile Networks," May 7 from 10:30-noon at Quality Research, 4901-D Corporate Drive. RSVP to Diane Patch 955-3498.

Thrift Shop jobs

The Thrift Shop is trying to fill the following job vacancies: Assistant manager— must have knowledge in retail sales, computer skills, organizational skills, interfacing with volunteers and paid staff. Bookkeeper— must have knowledge in bookkeeping, familiar with Quicken or Quickbooks, payroll, data entry. Applications for either job are available at the Thrift Shop during operating hours: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesday and Thursday, and 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Friday. The deadline is May 7. For more information call Sheila Torongeau, manager, 881-6992.

Red Cross youth

The Redstone Red Cross Summer Youth Program will hold its teen orientation at 5:30 p.m. May 11 at the Red Cross Chapter House, Huntsville. Teens age 14 and older with a valid military ID are eligible to participate in the program. For information call the Red Cross Chapter House 536-0084.

NCO graduation

The NCO Academy will hold a graduation ceremony for the Basic NCO Course at 9 a.m. May 7 in the graduation hall of building 3329. The public is invited. For more information, call SFC Timothy Capers 955-7954.

Masters degrees

Nova Southeastern University will hold a registration meeting for its Master of Business Administration program at 6 p.m. May 7 at Calhoun Community College, classroom 51 at 102 Wynn Drive. Attend classes on alternate weekends; complete degree requirements in 18 months; learn from doctorally-qualified faculty; classes are held in Huntsville beginning in July. To RSVP or for more information call 800-672-7223, extension 5039.

Research symposium

The Army Materiel Systems Analysis Activity (AMSAA) is sponsoring the 38th Army Operations Research Symposium, "Reshaping Army OR for the 21st Century Operational Challenge," at Fort Lee, Va., Oct. 19-20. There will be tutorials and registration Oct. 18. Abstracts of unclassified papers must arrive at AMSAA by June 4 to be considered for presentation. Submit requests for registration by July 23. Information and forms are available at the AORS website, <http://amsaa-web.arl.mil/aors> <<http://amsaa-web.arl.mil/aors>>, from selected organizational point-of-contacts, and from Jean Smith, Command Analysis, 313-0379.

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