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Photo by Skip Vaughn

OUTGOING CHAPLAIN— Vicalvi, who is leaving for Fort Bragg, N.C., stands next to the POW/MIA window at Bicentennial Chapel. On Nov. 11, 1997 he was in charge of the installation service for this stained-glass window which has personal significance to him: His father was a POW during World War II.

Memorial Day weekend service is last for chaplain

Vicalvi leaving for third Fort Bragg assignment after two years here

By Skip Vaughn

The 11 a.m. Sunday service at Bicentennial Chapel will be extra special for the command chaplain.

Not only will it include a remembrance for Memorial Day, the service will also be the last at Redstone for Chaplain (Col.) Paul Vicalvi. He is leaving for a new assignment at Fort Bragg, N.C.

The youth members will be in charge of that day's Protestant service. Chaplain (Maj.) Loren "Chuck" Bulla, the chapel's resource manager, is to deliver the sermon. A community farewell potluck dinner will be held after the service.

"I have loved Redstone Arsenal, and I am very sorry to leave the Redstone community," Vicalvi said. "It has been one of the best assignments that I have ever had in my 22 years on active duty."

Vicalvi, who arrived in July 1997, will become the command chaplain for the Army Special Operations Command. A paratrooper, this will be his third time at Fort Bragg.

"I want to thank the (Redstone) community for their support of Bicentennial Chapel and me as a person," Vicalvi said. "I want to thank them for their friendliness and kindness."

His successor, Chaplain (Col.) Christen Anderson, is to arrive July 12 from Fort Richardson, Alaska.

Memorial Day, May 31 has personal significance to Vicalvi. Tim Vicalvi, his first cousin, was a Marine lance corporal who was killed in Vietnam in 1967. Vicalvi has also lost friends in the military who have given their lives in war and in training to defend this nation.

"So, for me it's a personal remembrance of those that I knew that have lost their lives in service to our country," he said.

He believes Americans should celebrate Memorial Day by attending ceremonies in the community, telling its significance to their children and grandchildren, remembering it in places of worship, and flying the flag on Memorial Day weekend.

"It's important that we consciously celebrate it lest we forget the price that's been paid for freedom that we so often take for granted," Vicalvi said.

Vicalvi, 51, was born in Worcester, Mass., and raised in Albany, N.Y. His father, James, who resides in Florida, served in the Army Air Corps and was a prisoner of war during World War II.

His wife, Pamela, is active in the community and works at Marshall Space Flight Center. They have five children. Two are married and have children, two will be in college, and one will go to Fort Bragg with the parents. They include Christina Stewart, 27, of Fairfax, Va.; Sherri Bray, 23, of Waxahachie, Texas; Laurie, 19, who will attend Southwestern Assemblies of God, in Waxahachie; the son, Damien, 18, who will attend Western Carolina University; and the youngest daughter, Dominique, 15, who will enter 10th-grade at Fort Bragg.

"This has been good. It has been good," Vicalvi said of his Redstone tour.

"You hate to see him go," Patty Wilson, religious education coordinator at the chapel, said. "He's done so many innovative things. And everybody likes him."

Promoted to general...

Coburn takes the reins of Army Materiel Command

WASHINGTON— Gen. John G. Coburn was promoted to his present rank and took command of the Army Materiel Command during an assumption of command ceremony May 14 at Fort Myer, Va.

Coburn, who most recently served as the deputy chief of staff for logistics, Army, Pentagon, brings vast knowledge to his new position at the headquarters in Alexandria, Va. Coburn previously served as AMC's deputy commanding general.

"I am deeply honored to be selected to lead the Army Materiel Command," Coburn, a veteran of Vietnam and Desert Shield/Storm, said. "AMC researches, develops and acquires much of the Army's equipment and provides tremendous logistics support for our Army, wherever our soldiers are deployed. I look forward to continue supporting the best soldiers in the world and the best Army in the world."

The general is a distinguished military graduate of Eastern Michigan University where he was commissioned as a second lieutenant of Infantry. He has held many logistical command and staff positions in the United States, Germany, Taiwan, and in Saudi Arabia.

Coburn was the deputy commanding general of the Army Materiel Command from 1994-96. From 1992-94 he was the commanding general for Ordnance Center and School and the chief of Ordnance.

He was the deputy chief of staff for logistics, U.S. Army Europe and Seventh Army, Germany from 1991 to 1992. Prior to that he served as the deputy commanding general, 22nd Theater Army Support Command, Saudi Arabia from April 1991 to July 1991, and prior to that, he served as the deputy chief of staff for procurement, U.S. Army Materiel Command from 1989-91.

Coburn's other major command assignments include commander of Materiel Readiness Support Activity, Lexington, Ky., from 1987-89; commander, Division Support Command, 2nd Armored Division, Fort Hood, Texas, from 1984-86; commander, 124th Maintenance Battalion, 2nd Armored Division, Fort Hood, Texas, from 1980-82; commander, Defense Contract Administration Services Management Area, Defense Logistics Agency, South Bend, Ind., from 1978-80; and plant/depot commander, Taiwan Materiel Agency, AMC, Taiwan, from 1971-73.

The general's staff assignments include assistant chief of staff, G-4 (logistics), 2nd Armored Division from 1982 to 1983; executive officer, Battlefield Systems Directorate, Headquarters, Army Materiel Command, from 1977 to 1978; procurement officer, Procurement and Production Directorate, Headquarters, Army Materiel Command; senior adviser, Training and Personnel. U.S. Army Engineer District-Saudi Arabia, Riyadh, Saudi Arabia, from 1975-77; executive officer, Defense Contract Administration Services Region, Defense Supply Agency, New York, N.Y., from 1968-71; and assist G-3 (operations), II Field Force Vietnam, U.S. Army, Vietnam from 1967-68.

After returning from Taiwan, Coburn attended the Command and General Staff College, Fort Leavenworth, Kan., and then the University of Kansas, Mo., where he earned a master of arts degree in political science. He was awarded his bachelor's degree in education from Eastern Michigan University. He also has a juris doctor degree from the University of Missouri and is licensed to practice law before the Supreme Court, State of Michigan; Supreme Court, State of Kentucky; District of Columbia Court of Appeals; the United States Court of Military Appeals and the



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COBURN

Supreme Court of the United States.

Coburn's military decorations include the Defense Distinguished Service Medal, the Distinguished Service Medal, Legion of Merit with oak leaf cluster, Bronze Star with oak leaf cluster, Meritorious Service Medal with three oak leaf clusters, Joint Service Commendation Medal, Army Commendation Medal, the Southwest Asia Service Medal, and the Kuwait Liberation Medal.

Coburn, a native of Kentucky, is married to the former Janice Pepper of Ypsilanti, Mich., and they have three sons John, Robert and Matthew. (AMC release)



Letters To The Editor

Thanks, veterans

I would like to pay tribute to the soldiers of the 3rd Battalion, 187th Infantry Regiment (also known as the "Iron Rakkasans"), 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault), Fort Campbell, Ky., who from May 11-20, 1969 fought one of the fiercest battles during the Vietnam War, the Battle of Dong Ap Bia, more commonly referred to as "Hamburger Hill" in the A Shau Valley along the Laotian border against the 7th and 8th battalions of the 29th North Vietnamese Army (NVA) Regiment, supposedly the pride of Ho Chi Minh and one of the best regiments in the entire NVA. Those gallant "Rakkasans" (which means "paratroopers" in Japanese) mounted an uphill battle and fought with valor, courage, duty and honor through heavy rain in a triple-canopy jungle with 100-degree heat against the numerically superior NVA soldiers who repeatedly leaped from countless bunkers and spider holes synchronously and let off a volley of rocket propelled grenades (RPGs), and rained a torrent of rifle and machine-gun fire downward on the Americans.

After 10 days of indescribable intense, savage and close combat, the "Rakkasans" proved their mettle by eliminating over 350 enemy soldiers through direct contacts and hundreds more through indirect fire and close air support (napalm and 1,000-pound bombs); and driving the

enemy off the top of the hill which was honeycombed with deep tunnels, interconnected with a giant hospital, regimental command post, and numerous huge storage areas with weapons and ammunition, thousands of mortar and RPG rounds, and over 10 tons of rice. The final casualties for the Americans were 56 dead and 372 wounded.

Together with other veterans, those brave "Rakkasans" remind us that freedom in America is not free but paid for by their blood and lives. These veterans and those on active duty provide us a blanket of protection and security every day against our adversaries and have sacrificed more than you and I will ever know! It is not just a duty of an ordinary American citizen, but in respect to the sacred dead veterans and in thanksgiving in our hearts to all veterans and those on active duty, to go to a poll station on election days to elect the most qualified candidates with specialized training and good moral standard to run our federal, state, and local government in order to maintain the superiority of the American way of life—as a democratic institution offering the greatest individual liberties and quality of life, and as a great economic power and the only military superpower in today's world as well as a model country to all nations! Thanks to all the veterans for the democracy, freedom and prosperity we enjoy in America today!

John Yim

Memorial Day poem

Editor's note: The author wrote the following poem, titled "Forever Bound in Purple," as a tribute to war veterans as well as friends of her father's who never returned from World War II, and loved ones who never came back from Vietnam.

Within an aging bureau,
beneath my lingerie,
tied in purple ribbons,
my heart hides.

Wanting you did not end with war.
Even death could not tear you from my memory.
Yes, in time, I married,
had children; but not yours.
I wonder how ours would look
if they were here today.
Would they have your special gleam of eye,
your smiling lips?

The ribbons around your letters
need never be undone.
Each cherished word is reverently remembered.
I have no need to see them.

All these years have passed.
I still feel your touch,
want your kiss,
crave your caress,
yearn for our love.
A lifetime shared with someone else
cannot untie our hearts.
Always, I am with you... bound in purple.

Carole A. Forsythe

Convention display

Recently, I attended the AAAA Convention in Nashville.

I was totally disappointed in the display that AMCOM/PEO-Aviation had at this conference.

There were only four posters (with furled corners) put up in the booth. This is not an adequate display for an organization of this size. Not to mention the fact that the booth was unmanned.

In my opinion, the display was very unprofessional. I would like to know why we didn't have any handouts. There could have been some literature available on the history of the Command(s), location or something. Most of the vendors had either pens, cups, baggage tags or at least handouts with phone numbers and web sites to visit to obtain further information about their installation or company. And, many of them had pictures of their items or whatever.

The only nice thing about our booth was the carpet.

I understand the costs for these booths can range from \$2,000 to \$3,000-plus. I believe the money we spent for our exhibit was wasted, not to mention sending someone to set it up and take it down. Many of our other subordinate organizations had much better displays. They looked very professional and had loads of informational literature.

Who is responsible for this very, very poor display? Since you have a year to prepare for the next convention, maybe something can be done to present a more professional display and possibly find AAAA members to help man the booth. Maybe you could get some literature from the various project offices for handouts. Anything that can be done would be a major improvement over this last convention.

Name withheld by request

Editor's note: Al Schwartz, chief of public affairs for AMCOM, provided the following response. "Thank you for your letter expressing concern with the quality of the display at the recent AAAA conference. Let me assure you that we take your comments seriously and will reassess the display presentation as well as the value added by its presence at this and similar conferences."

Family needs

I was so impressed by the letter in the Rocket a few weeks ago by a Mrs. Blakely stating her commitment to her family. Our society has changed so much in the past 20 years. There was a time when mothers looked at raising their children and taking care of needs of the family as a challenge and their responsibility.

I think what a lot of young women are thinking is that they must pursue their career immediately. You are still young enough to pursue a career after the children are grown. I cannot imagine any career being anymore challenging or rewarding than conscientiously guiding a child toward becoming a "responsible" adult. As everyone knows, Hillary Clinton made the statement that "it takes a village to raise a child." Well, this is not true. Good parenting is accomplished by "good" parents. A village can see that a child does not come to harm in regard to physical safety but a parent is the one that teaches values, sets standards, requires self-discipline, creating continuity and roots and tradition in a child's life.

So many of our teen-agers seem to just be floating, with their parents so busy with careers and entertaining themselves that they have forgotten why they even had the children. Young people need homes with parents present to guide them—a home should be a haven of safety where each individual is able to share ideas and feel that it is a "comfort zone" when everything else is going awry. I feel the Blakelys are providing this type of home for their children and it is commendable. If we put God and family first, everything else will line up as it should.

Sarah Bryan
Education Center

Corrections

An article in the May 19 Rocket on the list of graduates from Florida Tech omitted the name of Timothy Kirkpatrick for master's of business administration. Also, Lisa Oulton's name was misspelled among recipients of master's of science in management with concentration in human resources management.

1999 CFC drive shares slogan

"Care Enough to Share Enough," the winning CFC campaign slogan for 1999, was submitted by T.G. Jones of Browns Ferry Nuclear Plant.

More than 170 candidate slogans were submitted to the Campaign Slogan Committee from April 1 through May 4. The slogan committee then recommended the top 10 slogans to the Local Federal Coordinating Committee.

The winner is to receive an official letter of congratulation from the Combined Federal Campaign, recognition from his organization, and an award at the CFC kickoff celebration Oct. 4 at the Sparkman Auditorium.

The winning slogan will be used as the planning theme for the 1999 campaign and be featured in CFC publications, training sessions, training materials and other CFC activities during the year.

Members of the campaign slogan committee included Glen Allison of MSIC, chairman; Buddy Wilkinson of RTTC and Richard Lee of OMMCS.

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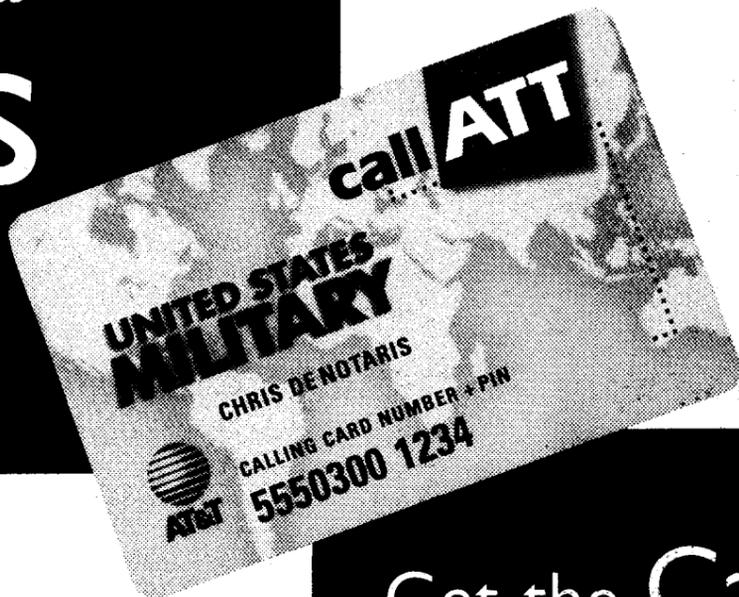
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Upcoming event...

Top defense officials share logistics vision at symposium

By Emerson McAfee

Redstone Arsenal will be the gathering place for some of the highest level military logistics experts June 16-18. The occasion is the DoD Government/Industry Supportability Engineering Exchange 12th annual Symposium. A record total of seven keynote presentations will be highlighting this year's event which is put together by LOGSA's Acquisition Logistics Center.

Louis Kratz, from the Office of Under Secretary of Defense, Deputy Under Secretary of Defense/Logistics Reinvention Office, will be returning to make his second keynote address at the symposium. His subject for this year's presentation is "Reengineering Product Support to Increase Readiness."



Photo Lab

PRESENTATION-- Louis Kratz, director for logistics systems reengineering, Office of Under Secretary of Defense (Logistics Reinvention Office), addresses last year's symposium.

The afternoon of the first day of the symposium will begin with another keynote presentation by Lt. Gen. Paul Kern. He is the military deputy representing the Assistant Secretary of the Army (Acquisition, Logistics and Technology), as well as the Army Acquisition Work Force.

The top level for logistics within the tri-services will be represented during the three days of the symposium. Providing the logistics vision for their service will be Maj. Gen. Julian Sullivan for the Army, Rear Adm. William Klemm for the Navy, and Grover Dunn for the Air Force. One of them is scheduled to present a keynote address for each of the three days of the symposium.

Wrapping up the final two keynote presentations will be representatives from both the Army and Air Force Materiel Commands. Presenting their current visions will be Maj. Gen. Hawthorne Proctor for AMC and Thomas Batterman for AFMC.

In addition to the keynote presentations, there will be 18 other interesting presentations delivered by Army, Air Force, Navy, and industry personnel. Prof. Olaf Waak, representing SYSTECON AB, Stockholm, Sweden, will present "Spares Optimization-- A Key to Supportability Analysis." In coordination with the Society of Logistics monthly luncheon, Dr. William Baylis from Northrop Grumman will be presenting a program titled "Virtual Reality-- Its Initiatives and Applications."

LOGSA personnel will be presenting recent developments with two of their software products, Post Fielding Supportability Analysis and Logistics Planning and Requirement Simplification System. Three other Redstone based programs that will be presenting updates are the Multi-user ECP Automated Review System (MEARS), the PEO-AMD's Prime Vendor Support for the THAAD, and PEO-Aviation's Acquisition Environmental Management in Preparation for ACAT I Program Milestone II.

Two Navy and one Air Force presentations are on the

program. The Navy will explain the use of their "System Tuning Model" and the options available to use "LMI or LSAR Data Bases." The Air Force will provide information about "Deskbook-- A Defense Acquisition Single Source Reference."

Also making presentations for a second year in a row will be AMSAA, local industry representatives from Intergraph and Sparta, and Raytheon Missile. Litton Data Systems will present a "Solution for Viewing and Managing Electronic Signal and Wiring Information on a PC." The final two presentations will be Lockheed Martin's "Supportability Integrated With Product Development" and Potomac Research International's (a small business) "Legacy Weapon Systems O&S Cost Reduction."

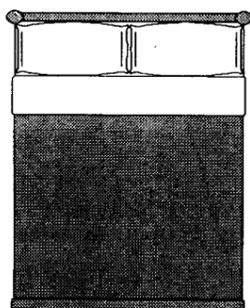
This year there will also be displays set up outside the auditorium. LOGSA's Acquisition Logistics Center will have its software on display. Also present will be Systecon AB, Litton, Sparta, Intergraph, Deskbook, MEARS, and a booth by the Air Force Logistics Management Agency.

Pre-registration is now open to anyone interested in attending. The registration fee is \$50 through June 1, and will increase to \$75 after that date and for walk-ins the day of the symposium. It can be paid by cash, check, credit card, and form 1556. If you plan to attend you should pre-register now. The registration fee is not due until sign-in at the symposium.

The pre-registration form and other information concerning the symposium can be found on the LOGSA home page at this address: www.logpars.army.mil/alc/logengr.htm. For more information, call Emerson McAfee at 955-9830 or e-mail: emcafee@logsa.army.mil.

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

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SMDC names director for defense/space technology center

The Space and Missile Defense Command has just announced the selection of Jess Granone as new executive director of the command's largest element, the Huntsville based Missile Defense and Space Technology Center, or MDSTC. That position was vacated in January when Dr. J. Richard Fisher retired.

As MDSTC director, Granone is responsible for managing the day-to-day research and development activities for the Army's space and missile defense technology program. He ensures that the command's efforts in this arena are balanced and integrated to support the Army, Ballistic Missile Defense Organization, and Program Executive Office for Air and Missile Defense.

Prior to this, Granone was the director of the Sensors Directorate, one of MDSTC's five technology directorates. There he managed SMDC's radar, laser radar, microelectronics, discrimination and kill assessment algorithms, sensor test laboratories, sensor field test platforms, and sensor phenomenology testing programs.

Granone has over 32 years of professional experience in science, engineering, test and evaluations, "system engineering" and management covering a broad spectrum of activities in range instrumentation and data collection, electro-optical guided weapon systems, also laser technology, radar, laser radar, air and ballistic missile interceptor system design and evaluation, lethality; and battle management/command, control, communications, computers and intelligence and signal processing.

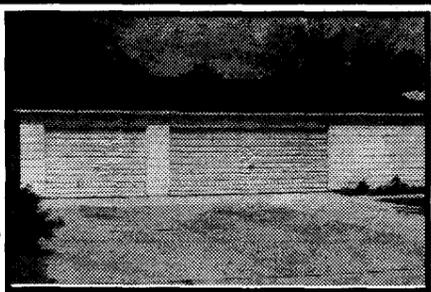
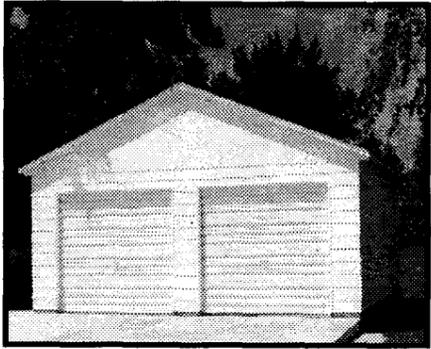
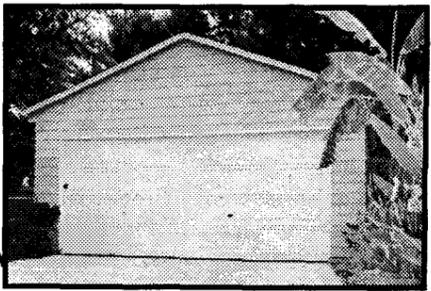
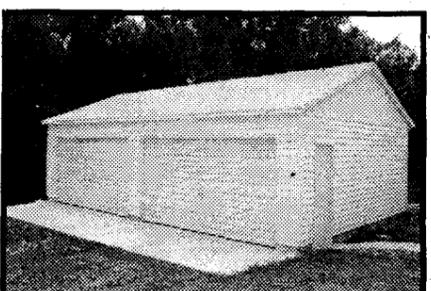
Current interests are broadly based in technology development and acquisition, with particular emphasis on the "systems approach" to planning and managing technology development for advanced sensors, weapons, and information processing to meet performance objectives of today's systems and technology for future weapon systems to protect the warfighter and our homeland.

Granone received his bachelor of science degree in electrical engineering from the University of New Mexico and attended graduate school at the same institution.

He has been honored with the Meritorious Civilian Service Award in 1994 and the Superior Civilian Service Award in 1995.

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During investigation...

FBI turns to Corps for help with unexploded ordnance

By Bob DiMichele

Sometimes you come across a circumstance where you just scratch your head and wonder where you can go to get help. The FBI recently faced that type of situation when it came across a possible unexploded grenade at the bottom of a pond in rural southwestern Tennessee.

The agents just didn't know where to call to safely remove the grenade. They found out that the Corps of Engineers' Huntsville Center could solve the problem.

The FBI had been investigating a case in which an individual had bought a 60-acre farm in Tennessee with cash. That type of all-cash purchase garnered interest from the FBI and an investigation found that the cash could be tied to illegal activities. So, the FBI confiscated the property. In doing so, it came across some less than typical farmhouse items such as automatic weapons, grenade launchers, and antique swords. An informant told the FBI that the former owner of the property threw some hand grenades into a pond.

The FBI planned to auction the property and needed to be certain it was safe for sale. But the FBI doesn't handle military explosives. So, the agents had the pond drained and called for a military explosive ordnance disposal (EOD) team.

However, a problem developed. The grenades couldn't be readily found. If any



Corps of Engineers photo

SITE SURVEY— Bayuga carefully examines area surrounding a partially buried grenade in the bottom of a drained pond.

grenades were actually there, they had sunk into the mud in the bottom of the pond and were not accessible for disposal. Army EOD doesn't search for items that are potential unexploded ordnance; it responds to located items.

The FBI looked for an organization that holds specialized expertise in removing old munitions buried beneath the ground.

Therefore, they turned to the ordnance expertise of the U.S. Army Engineering and Support Center in Huntsville.

Greg Bayuga and John Younghans, both ordnance safety specialists at Huntsville Center, were able to provide a Corps of Engineers' response to this unexploded ordnance site. In this case, the circumstances didn't require an immediate

response. The FBI had made sure the site was secure. Therefore, Bayuga and Younghans waited for several days of heavy rain to pass.

Bayuga said the pond, which was about 40 yards by 30 yards in size, had sufficient time to dry and that the soil was ideal for searching for unexploded munitions. The search didn't take long.

Bayuga and Younghans arrived the afternoon of May 3 and began their ordnance search using a magnetometer, a sophisticated metal detector. Almost immediately, Younghans found a hand grenade.

"Even though the magnetometer told you were it was, you couldn't see it until you were right on top of it. The grenade had just blended into the mud," he said.

The munition was unusual, according to Bayuga. It was a fuzed Danish fragmentation grenade. The next day, they systematically searched the entire pond without finding any more unexploded ordnance and the 717th Ordnance Company, EOD, from Fort Campbell, Ky., safely detonated the lone grenade in place.

The result, however, far outweighed the effort, Bayuga said. The project was a small one by any terms— cost, time, or number of munitions, but the results were large and came in the form of improved public safety as well as a grateful customer at the FBI.

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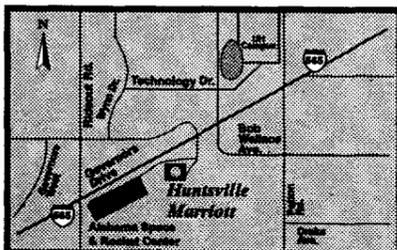
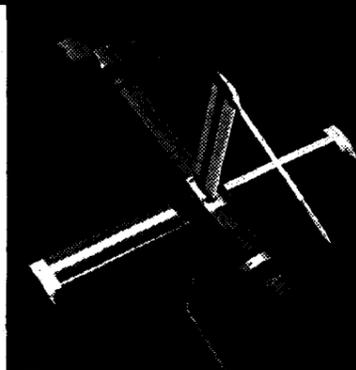
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Annual charity campaign approves local agencies

Some 157 local charities have been approved to receive donations in the 1999 Tennessee Valley Combined Federal Campaign.

These include 69 unaffiliated charities, and 88 affiliated with four federated agencies. One unaffiliated applicant was denied because it failed to meet eligibility criteria established by Office of Personnel Management, according to Bob Wilkerson, chairman of the Local Federal Coordinating Committee.

These OPM rules regulate local charities' eligibility to be included in the 1999 campaign brochure. The charity, which was not approved, can appeal the Local Federal Coordinating Committee's decision. The committee can approve or disapprove that charity at its June meeting.

The disapproved charity has been officially notified by certified mail that the LFCC disapproved its application and informed how to appeal the decision. If denied again by the local LFCC, the charity can then elect to appeal to the Office of Personnel Management.

All local charities are required to apply to the campaign and be approved by the committee each year for inclusion in the CFC Campaign Brochure. Likewise, all national and international agencies must reapply and be approved by Office of Personnel Management each year for inclusion in the CFC campaign brochure. There were 139 local charities among the 1,316 agencies listed in the 1998 brochure. Only those agencies designated by donors receive any CFC funds. Of the 1,316 agencies listed in the 1998 brochure, 402 received no funds in 1998. Again, this says that only you decide where CFC contributions will go, Wilkerson said.

The Local Federal Coordinating Committee acted on recommendations from the Local Eligibility Committee. The 1999 LEC was chaired by Luereen Phillips of DMC-Huntsville. The active LEC members included Melissa Green (TVA-BFNP), Terry Ridgley (LOGSA), Donna Ragucci (DISA) and Maxine Keys (RSA Exchange).

Some assembly required as...

Linebacker vehicles arrive at school; training begins in July

By Sandy Riebeling

As the Bradley-Linebackers roll in, Avenger system repairers trained at the Ordnance Missile and Munitions Center and School just picked up an additional 51 missile system maintenance tasks.

The Linebacker is a Bradley Fighting Vehicle with a Stinger missile system mounted on the top, the heavy-weight version of the Avenger, which is a Stinger missile system mounted on a Humvee.

The soldiers that train in the military occupational specialty 27-T, or Avenger system repairers, will now have to learn maintenance for the Linebacker as well.

The tasks for the launcher are identical for the Avenger and the Linebacker. Repairers will also replace line replaceable units on the system and the wire harnesses.

"Our program of instruction for the Avenger repairers has increased 60 hours to accommodate the Linebacker training," CWO 4 Michael Kelley, action officer at the Primary Logistics Oriented School, said. "Our POI will evolve and change slightly as we begin teaching the Linebacker. We should have our first class by the end of July."

OMMCS already has two instructors that are familiar with the Linebacker. The rest of the instructors will be trained before July.

About 78 soldiers attend OMMCS for Avenger repairer training each year.

The Linebackers in production will be fielded to the Heavy divisions—the 3rd Infantry Division, 4th Infantry Division, the 1st Armored Cavalry Division and the 3rd Armored Cavalry Regiment.

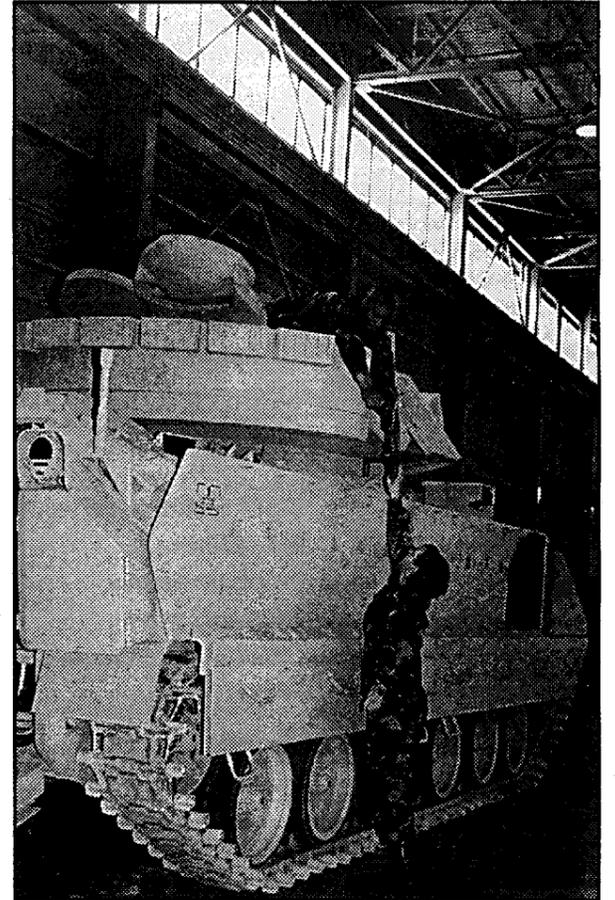


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IN TRAINING— The two Linebackers that arrived at the Arsenal will be used for Avenger repair training at OMMCS.

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AMCOM tracks repairs through computerized system

By June Johns

A new asset management system, promising to save the Army an estimated \$45 million during the next 10 years, is being used by AMCOM. The computerized Command Asset Visibility (CAV) II System provides a big picture status report of Army items being repaired by private contractors.

This new centralized system replaces an older manual setup that proved to be only 30 percent accurate when

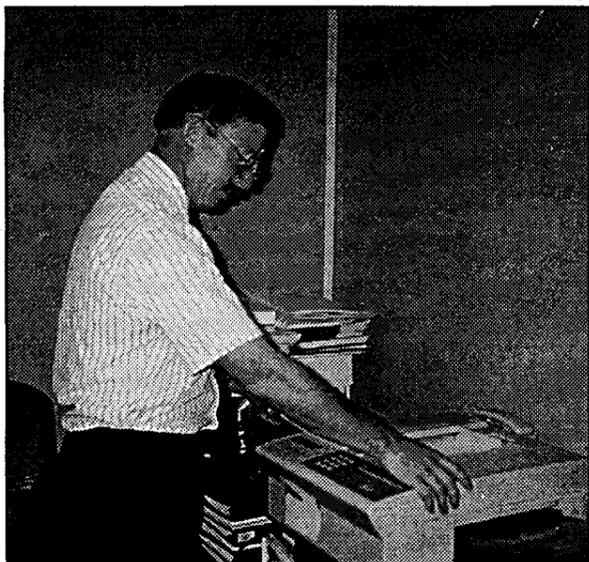


Photo by June Johns

MANAGING ASSETS— Moulder says the Army's new state-of-the-art asset management system is a superior method of tracking the military's repairable assets. The new computerized system exceeds the old tracking method of faxes, phone calls and manual on-site inventories.

checked against on-site inventories, according to Chris Moulder, domain manager for asset management and the Army CAV II program lead at Redstone Arsenal.

While the Army has been experimenting with the new system since 1992, it has only been available to contractors since summer 1997.

This system was originally developed by the Navy. The Marines plan to begin using the asset tracking system by the end of the fiscal year.

Not only can this system be considered an asset management tool, but it can be viewed as a cost-saving device as well, Moulder said. Savings can be generated in a number of ways. One way is by reducing unnecessary inventory, as well as the overhead costs associated with storing it. Another benefit is the reduction in personnel hours needed to track down items under the old system. A big task, considering there are numerous government contractors working at locations all over the world on repair work for the three participating military branches.

And coming soon to an asset management system near you — hopefully within the next year — will be the capability of allowing contractors to requisition parts from the government in a much more streamlined manner, as well as the ability to directly ship items where they need to go, avoiding the extra expense of first transporting them to a military depot.

Additional cost savings will also result when the system becomes Internet-accessible. When this occurs within the near future, the Army will save costs associated with upgrading participating contractors every time there is a change in the system. Under the upgraded system, changes will be made to a common web site, which all authorized personnel can access using personal computers.

In addition to being the first branch of the military to use the system, the Navy will be responsible for administering it, as well as for assuring security procedures are followed

once the system goes on-line via the Internet, Moulder said.

The Army has been provided with a \$2.8 million annual budget to administer this new program. This money has been sufficient up to now, Moulder said, but an anticipated budget of at least \$3 million will be needed to manage the system as more contractors are added. Money for administering the program goes to cover the costs of labor, travel, computer programming, and negotiating and administering contracts, among other things. With the additional money, 18-26 contractors can be added to the system within the next fiscal year, Moulder said.

Two Army aviators die in Albania crash

HAWK BASE, Albania—Two 11th Aviation Regiment soldiers were killed here early May 5, following the crash of their AH-64 Apache helicopter.

The crash occurred about 75 kilometers northeast of the Tirana-Rinas Airport during a training mission in support of Operation Allied Force.

The aviators are identified as CWO 3 David A. Gibbs, 38, from Ohio and CWO 2 Kevin L. Reichert, 28, from Wisconsin. Both were assigned to C Troop, 6th Squadron, 6th Cavalry Regiment at Illesheim, Germany.

The crash of the two-person helicopter occurred about 1:30 a.m. A security element secured the crash site and an Explosive Ordnance Disposal team aided in the recovery effort.

There were no indications that hostile fire was involved in the crash.

The cause of the crash is under investigation. (U.S. European Command news release.)

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Calhoun Is On The Move

Calhoun Community College, Redstone Arsenal Extension, will be moving to a new building location during summer 1999. Summer classes will begin in the buildings indicated on the schedule, 3650 and 3324. However, as soon as the new buildings are ready, we will be relocating. We are excited about moving into the 33?? area. This will place us closer to the barracks, family housing, and the Army Education Center. The new buildings will provide larger classrooms, much better parking, and an easier to reach location. Operation Smaller Footprints is closing two of our current class room buildings and providing us with the new, more efficient facilities. We do appreciate all the smaller Footprints team has done to make this transition such a positive event!

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As the soldier of month...

Military police officer gets confidence boost with post recognition

By Skip Vaughn

Military police officers have tough jobs. They take the heat from impatient motorists; they are second-guessed in their investigations; they have to control their emotions while responding to tragic accidents; they put their lives at risk in the line of duty.

Their jobs are often thankless. But sometimes they receive the recognition they deserve.

That was the case at Thursday's luncheon for the Redstone Arsenal Soldier of the Month.

PFC Rich Charles, a military policeman, was named the Post Soldier of the Month for May.

"It makes everything you work for worthwhile," Charles said. "It's a confidence builder."

Charles, 20, from Punxsutawney, Pa., arrived at Redstone in July 1998 from Camp Humphreys, Korea. He has been in the Army for two years and four months.

The patrolman, who is single, said he plans to make the military a career. He enjoys his job as an MP.

"I like my job because you get to help a lot of people, and you're there to set the example," Charles, a member of HHC AMCOM, said.



Photo by Skip Vaughn

CONGRATULATIONS— Charles, right, is congratulated after the Post Soldier of the Month luncheon.

More than 100 people attended the luncheon at the Redstone Arsenal Club. The next Soldier of the Month and NCO of the Quarter luncheon will be held at 11:30 a.m. June 17 at the club.

School bus accident slightly injures 13

Twelve children and a bus driver were treated and released at Huntsville Hospital after two school buses collided May 19 on Redstone Arsenal.

At 2:40 that afternoon, two school buses returning Redstone children from Williams Elementary School collided on Rideout Road. Sixty-six students altogether were on the two buses.

The buses were en route to an after-school facility to drop off the children, according to Bob Hunt, an AMCOM public affairs specialist. Those not injured were taken to that facility by other buses.

Preliminary results of an investigation into the rear-end collision indicated that the driver of the front bus slowed down to pull over to stop some kind of disturbance on the bus. The driver of the following bus had simultaneously also been distracted on his bus and when he turned around, he didn't have time to avoid the front bus which had reduced speed.

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Finishing where he started...

All roads lead to Huntsville for retiring battalion commander

By June Johns

All roads lead to Huntsville. At least for Lt. Col. George Mixon, commander, 832nd Ordnance Battalion. Mixon first became familiar with Huntsville in 1973, when, as an enlisted soldier, he attended advanced individual training at Redstone. Twenty-four years later, in June 1997, he stepped into the role of battalion commander.

"It's kind of ironic I got to come back and command where I took AIT. It's interesting that I started my career here as a private and will end it as a battalion commander (in the same location)," Mixon said.

Nearly 1,000 soldiers serve in Mixon's battalion, which comprises "75 to 80 percent or more of people in uniform on this post," he noted.

Mixon will step down as battalion commander June 16, officially handing over the reins of command to Lt. Col. John Wright, who will arrive from the Pentagon, where he served as a staff officer.

"My goal from the time I was a second lieutenant on was to be a battalion commander, and I met my goal in the Army. Now it's time to move on," Mixon said.

Upon his retirement from the Army, Mixon will be working for a local private firm that specializes in logistics. He'll still be dealing with the Army, only this time as a civilian.

Mixon's last day in Army fatigues is Aug. 31. "It hasn't hit me yet that I won't be waking up and putting on a uniform," he said.

As he spoke of the over two decades he has spent in the Army, Mixon reflected on the changes he's seen this branch of the military undergo.

"From my perspective, I've seen three different Armies in the 24 years I've been in the service," Mixon said.

"I saw the post-Vietnam Army, which was a mess, due to lack of funding, low morale, drugs, and race-related problems. I was in Germany (then), and it was an unpleasant Army at the time. Basically, the Army was struggling with itself after Vietnam.

"As an officer, I saw a change in the Ronald Reagan era, with it turning into the Army that went to Desert

Shield/Desert Storm.

"The third Army I've seen is the post-Warsaw Pact rightsizing and downsizing Army. That Army is still evolving," he said.

During his time in the Army, Mixon has seen tours of duty in a variety of places around the globe, including serving in Desert Storm in 1990-91 and on the Croatian/Bosnia border for five months in 1995-96. In fact, Mixon noted it was during the latter tour of duty that he was promoted to lieutenant colonel. "Few people can say they got pinned in Sarajevo," Mixon said with a smile.

Of the current Balkan conflict, Mixon stated that "what they've done to each other in the last 10 years pales in comparison to the past hundreds of years." He feels positive about the NATO peacekeeping role he played in this conflict, stating that "we've kept the Croats, Bosnians and Serbs from slaughtering one another. We've saved a lot of lives. I feel good about that."

When asked what he is most pleased about during his tenure as battalion commander, Mixon noted the good working relationship between the faculty and staff who train the soldiers and the upper chain of command. "We work together to get these soldiers trained and out into the field," Mixon said. AIT at Redstone Arsenal consists of missile maintenance instruction for Bravo Company soldiers, and ammunition specialist training for those in Charlie Company.

Mixon hopes that one of the positive changes he experiences upon making the transition from military to civilian life is the opportunity to spend more time with his family, including Anne, his wife of 26 years. They were married in 1973 while Mixon was undergoing AIT training here.

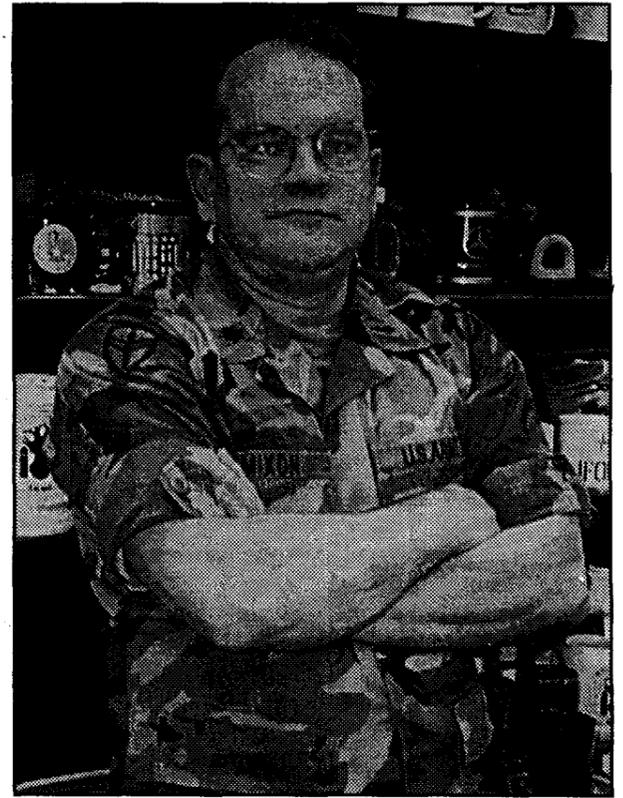


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STEPPING DOWN— Mixon, who retires June 16, plans to pursue employment in the private sector.

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

- **Swimming pools**— The Redstone swimming pools are scheduled to open Saturday at 11 a.m. Season swim passes are on sale at Outdoor Recreation, building 5129 and at the Recreation Center, building 3711. 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. There are eight lessons per session (within a two-week period), and each session is \$15. Sign up at Pool 3 (Goss Road) beginning Thursday between 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. For more information, call Outdoor Recreation 876-4868/6854.
- **Military Remembrance Month**— The BOSS (Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers) Committee will hold a drive for deployed servicemembers around the world, and for the refugees of Kosovo. The Redstone community is encouraged to donate clothes to help the refugees, letters of support to our servicemembers, or care packages for servicemembers in the Middle East and Europe. Please bring your donations to the Recreation Center, building 3711, Aerobee Road. This BOSS-sponsored drive is under way through May 31. Write a letter to a soldier; it can make a world of difference. Show your support for our troops overseas, and bring your donations to the Recreation Center today. For more information, call Spec. Hague 876-4345.
- **Flying activity**— Redstone Arsenal Flying Activity will have its annual Open House from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. June 5. There will be food, fun and flying for the entire family. Always wanted to fly? RAFA instructors will be on hand to take you for a ride: \$20 fee for a half-hour of flight

time as a passenger. Get to the RAFA Open House early to sign up for a flight time, enjoy the food, and inquire about membership! The first month's dues of \$23 will be waived for new members signing up June 5. For more information, call the Redstone Arsenal Flying Activity 880-9495.

- **Stress management workshop**— If you have stress in your life, you are not alone. Join us for the Stress Management Workshop from 11-noon Friday in the Army Community Service's conference room, building 3491. Family advocacy program director Sal Riccardi will discuss the physiological effects of stress and techniques in dealing with and managing stress. For more information or to sign up for the workshop, call Evelyn Carnes 876-7801 or Sal Riccardi 876-3704.

- **Comedy show**— The BOSS Committee and the Recreation Center present the first Comedy Jam. The Comedy Jam— which is to become an annual event — features Steve Brown, Bugz Bunny, Dekeys, and Redstone's very own Denise Tyler. These comedians have appeared on BET's Comic view, and all around the Tennessee Valley. (Adult humor and audience.) The Comedy Jam will be held at the Post Theater, building 3712 on June 5 at 9:30 p.m. Tickets are \$8 in advance or \$10 at the door. They can be purchased at the Recreation Center, building 3711, phone 876-4531; Perfect Cuts Barber Shop, 533-7525; the 832nd Ordnance Battalion personnel administration center, 842-2249; or from any BOSS member. For more information, call Spec. Hague 876-4345.

- **Newcomer's orientation**— Army Community Service will hold a Newcomers Orientation at 8:30 a.m. June 1 in building 3447. The Newcomers Orientation is mandatory for active duty personnel; spouses are encouraged to attend. Free childcare is available. Information booths, guest speakers and a bus tour will help you become familiar with Redstone Arsenal. For more information, call 876-5397.

- **Youth golf**— Register your children for the Youth Golf program! Youth Golf is for ages 10-18 and you can register now at the Youth Center, building 3148. The cost is \$20; and clinics will begin June 8. Clinics will be held each Tuesday and Thursday for four weeks. Play days will be every Thursday throughout the summer. Instructors include the RSA golf pro and staff. Registration for youth golf will end June 7. For more information, stop by the Youth Center or call 876-2255.



Courtesy photo

Outstanding student...

Stacy George, an engineering technician at Test Area 2 for the Amtec Corporation, has been selected as the most outstanding student in political science at Calhoun Community College. He received this award May 6 during the 30th annual awards day ceremonies at Calhoun.

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MEADS International is a joint venture comprised of Lockheed Martin of the United States, DaimlerChrysler Aerospace AG of Germany, and Alenia Marconi Systems of Italy.

MEADS is a transatlantic cooperative effort between the United States, Germany, and Italy to develop an air and missile defense system that is tactically mobile and transportable. It will be capable of countering tactical ballistic missiles and air-breathing threats, including cruise missiles. MEADS will improve the limited area defense of vital assets, both civilian and military, as well as provide capability to move with and protect the maneuver forces.

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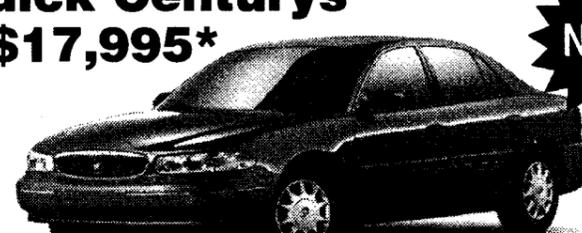
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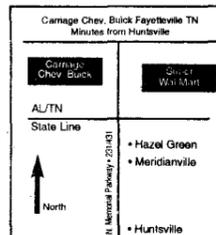
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Winning words...

Contract specialist talks her way from Huntsville to Japan contest

By Sandy Riebeling

To enter a local speech competition, Pat Johnson was given a set of three words— goggle, cross and tantalize—and told to pick one to build a speech upon.

Two weeks later, Johnson performed her speech, putting into remembrance the cross black Americans have had to bear throughout the years and that the key to their survival, upward, onward, forward and ahead has been attitude.



Photo by Sandy Riebeling

IN THE SPOTLIGHT— Johnson first fell in love with public speaking when she was 5, at an Easter performance in her church. She has swept local and regional speech competitions and will compete for the international title in Kobe, Japan, in July.

The speech won first and earned her a trip to St. Louis where she competed at the council level of the International Training in Communication Speech Competition.

"When I got the words, I had two weeks to decide on which one to use and then write the speech," Johnson, contract specialist with the Acquisition Center, PEO Aviation, said. "I knew cross was the word but it took me a couple of days, turning it over in my head, to decide on the theme—the cross you carry depends on your attitude. The speech was in February so I decided to tie it to Black History Month."

Even though the speech was successful, Johnson took a chance and put a different spin on the same theme for the St. Louis competition.

"I made the story more personal, the story about my cross, and I went back to my foundation— my mother and father."

Johnson's speech takes the audience back to the beginning of her family, where mother meets father and a family is made. It is only a few sentences into the speech before her cross is revealed, that of the death of her father, just a few days before she turned 7-years-old.

"My mother was forced into that single parent role with two daughters to prepare for life," Johnson said. "She became a strong and guiding woman who provided my sister and me wonderful opportunities in spite of the cross she had to bear."

In her speech, she thanked her mother, Arvella Johnson, who was sitting in the audience that day, "for providing me with the keys for striving, surviving and progressing in whatever I choose."

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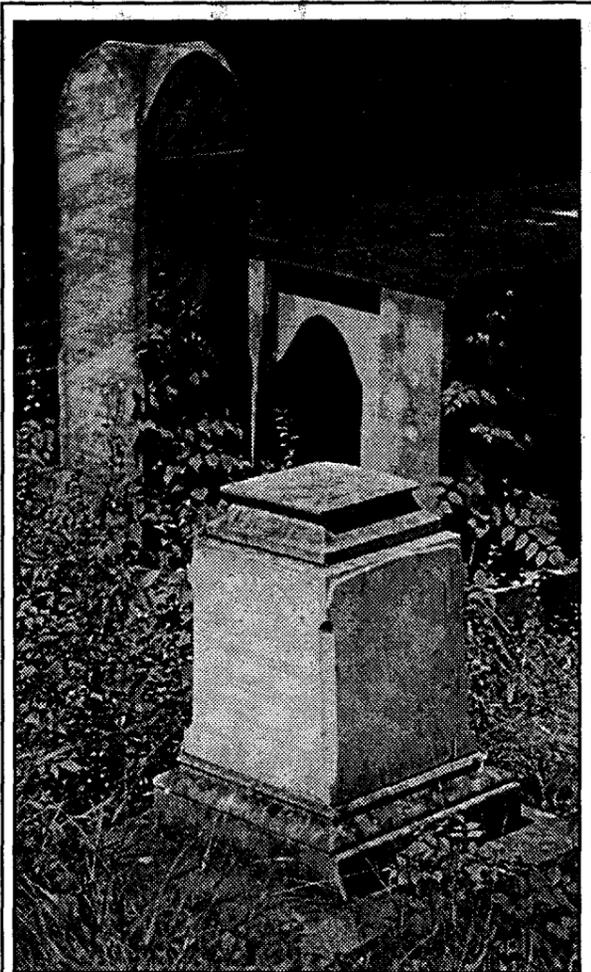


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Days gone by...

Nothing remains but the wind and grass to keep these lonely sun bleached tombstones company at the Timmons Cemetery, off Buxton Road in the southeast section of the Arsenal. Most of these tombstones date back to the early 1800s. Some 46 old cemeteries are located on Redstone Arsenal.

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Tactical missile ready to fire...

Soldier lends technical support for system in Albania

By Sandy Riebeling

SFC David Wenger is happy to be back on U.S. soil and even more so, to be back home at Redstone Arsenal. Wenger spent a brief tour in Germany and Albania working in support of the Army Tactical Missile System deployed to the area in April because of the war in Yugoslavia.

Just outside Tirane, Albania, more than 5,000 troops convert an old airfield into a forward staging area to provide support to the war. The Army's portion of this effort, Task Force Hawk, includes soldiers from the 5th Corps Artillery plus tanks, Bradley Fighting Vehicles, Avengers, Apaches and a Multiple Launch Rocket System battalion that launches the ATACMS.

Wenger accompanied the 5th Corps from Germany to Albania to help configure the computers that fire the Army TACMS.

"The unit asked for technical assistance to optimize the configuration of the command and control system," Wenger said. "I went with two other sergeants from Fort Sill (Okla.) and a contractor from Fort Sill."

Part of the technical support was explaining the system's capabilities and effectiveness and how to best employ the system in that environment. Since Wenger works for the ATACMS Command and Control Integration at Redstone, he was the best soldier to send.

"The most important thing was know the right people to call back here for answers to the very technical question," Wenger said. "There were technical data questions that were beyond our scope so we would pick up the phone and get the answers."

Besides knowing the right people, Wenger brought expertise and experience in setting up the Deep Operation Command and Control Center, something he has done previously at Fort Bragg, N.C., as well as missile system knowledge acquired at the ranges in White Sands, N.M., where he has worked on nine missile firings.

"We worked through rehearsals, all the way up to the point of firing the missile, but we did not fire any," Wenger said. "Even though we haven't fired, they are in place and ready."

The ATACMS are used in suppression of air defenses to protect Apaches flying missions.

In the two weeks Wenger was in Albania, he never left the airfield.

"No, there was no shopping," he said. "The conditions were very primitive. We didn't have showers or a mess hall. We had bottled water and ate MREs. It reminded me of the conditions we had in Desert Storm."

By the time Wenger left, the mess hall was serving one hot meal a day and the Army had a Post Exchange set up in an 18-wheel trailer.



Photo by Sandy Riebeling

GLAD TO BE HOME— Wenger spent two weeks in Albania configuring the computers and preparing the Army Tactical Missile System for action in the war with Yugoslavia.

Specialist

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She also had a message for her father. "We made it, daddy. We made it as a family."

Dry eyes in the audience were hard to find after Johnson's speech that day. She took first place again and this time she was headed to the regional competition in Tunica, Miss., where she not only won the speech competition but

\$300 at the slot machines.

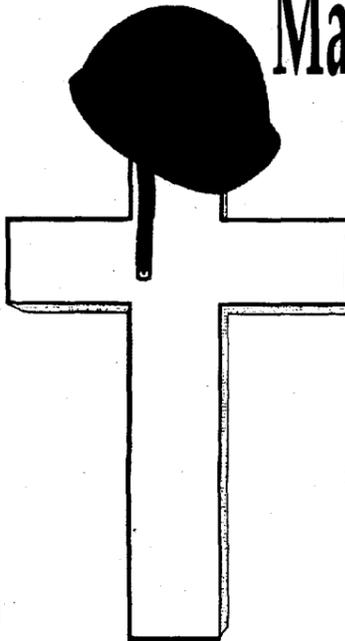
Johnson is looking forward to the international competition in Kobe, Japan, in July. Expenses for the trip are her responsibility. The Huntsville chapter of ITC, the Optima Club, where Johnson is a member and began this journey, has offered some financial support.

"Our club is young but they are going to help me as much as they can," she said. "This is a great opportunity and I don't want to pass it up."

While Johnson doesn't plan to change her speech, she

would like to learn a few words in Japanese before she goes. When she returns, she has plans to perform some dramatic readings at the University of Alabama-Huntsville for Women's Equality Day.

"I don't just like public speaking— I love it," Johnson said. "When I was 5, my mother helped me prepare a little something to do in church on Easter morning. When I saw all the people and heard the applause, that was it, I was hooked. I've been doing it in some fashion ever since."



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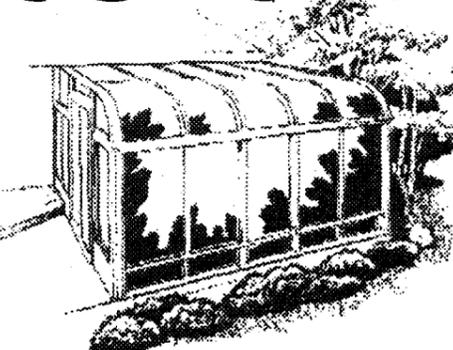
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Sports & Recreation

Golf tournament

The Memorial Open Golf Tournament, sponsored by Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Inc., will be held Saturday at Colonial Golf Course, 400 Colonial Drive, Meridianville. Shotgun start is at noon. Entry fee— \$50 for golfer, \$200 corporate team, \$100 hole sponsor — includes green fees, golf cart, player pack, reception, lunch and prizes. For more information call LeRoy Daniels 859-4946, Josh Oliver 852-5938 or Richie Carter 852-2534.

Girls soccer

The North Alabama Lady Thunder soccer team for under-13 girls will hold tryouts from 6-7:30 p.m. today and Thursday at Brahan Springs Park. Girls on this team will have the opportunity to play at the Alabama State Cup as

well as tournaments in Memphis, Atlanta and Nashville. For more information call Jim Saunders 533-3466, Tony Sobul 536-1819 or Randy Clark 990-1555.

Kids' fishing

The "Take a Kid Fishing" program, co-sponsored by Outdoor Recreation and the Post Exchange, will be held 7 a.m. June 19 at the Col. Carroll D. Hudson recreation area. This is a fishing contest for youth through age 18 who are authorized patrons of the PX. Preregistration may be completed at the Post Exchange ID check stand or at Outdoor Recreation, building 5129, from Saturday through June 17 before 5:30 p.m. There is no charge to register, and there are plenty of prizes and gifts to be won. For more information, call 876-4868/6854.

sergeants major and sergeants major, active and retired, to a breakfast meeting and golf outing June 18 at Guntersville State Park. The meeting starts at 7 a.m., and golf at 9. RSVP at 876-1874/5331.

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.

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.

Mr. Man quest

Samuel Brown Production is looking for men interested in participating in the ninth annual Mr. Man Premiere, held at the Redstone Arsenal Club Sept. 3. "We are looking for qualified candidates that will be guided and thoroughly trained for this event. Contestants will be competing and judged by a selected panel in the areas of style, finesse, personality, performance and sincerity. So if you possess these qualities and have the courage to show what a true gentleman should project, call 233-4702 or 650-7736," a prepared release said.

Miscellaneous

PX news

The Post Exchange will operate with the following holiday hours on Memorial Day, Monday: Main Store, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Food Court/Anthony's, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Concessions, closed; Mall Barber Shop, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Furniture Store, closed; One-Stop Goss Road, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Service Station, closed; Burger King, 10:30 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Military Clothing, closed; and Barber Shop building 3479, closed.

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 invites all command

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Second star...

Brig. Gen. Robert Armbruster, AMCOM's deputy for systems acquisition, has been nominated for promotion to major general. Defense Secretary William Cohen announced the president's two-star nominees May 13.

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Photo by Gary Stewart

Eagle Scout...

Luke Stewart, 14, is the fourth member of Redstone Arsenal Boy Scout Troop 308 promoted to Eagle within the past eight months. His older brother, Mike, an Army second lieutenant and previous Troop 308 Eagle, assisted in the May 2 ceremony. They are the sons of retired Col. Gary and Martha Stewart.

information on Special Forces, access the web page at: www-benning.army.mil/fbhome/SForce/index.html or call the Special Forces Recruiting Team at Fort Benning, Ga., (706) 545-3079 or DSN 835-3079. Capt. Thomas Jarzen, SFC David Boyer and SFC Andy Wilson can answer your questions.

Scholarships

May 30 is the deadline to apply for the 1999 AAAA scholarships, grants, or loans. For its members the Army Aviation Association of America will offer at least \$180,000 in grants loans and scholarships including "set asides" for spouses, company grade and warrant officers, enlisted members and Department of the Army civilians. You must fill out the scholarship application kit, which can only be obtained by writing, faxing, or calling: AAAA Scholarship Foundation Inc., 49 Richmondville Ave., Westport, Conn., 06880-2000; phone (203) 226-8184; fax (203) 222-9863. For more information call Jack Bertelkamp, the Tennessee Valley Chapter vice president for scholarship, (256) 964-8460, extension 103. Remember the kits are only available out of Westport.

832nd's commander

The 832nd Ordnance Battalion will have a change of command ceremony at 8:30 a.m. June 16 behind building 3440, located at the corner of Snooper Road and Aerobee Road, in the quad area. Lt. Col. George Mixon will transfer command of the 832nd to Lt. Col. John T. Wright. A reception following the ceremony will be held in the battalion conference room. RSVP to Lillie Langford, battalion secretary, 876-3315.

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Star nominee...

Brig. Gen. Joseph Bergantz, the Comanche program manager, has been nominated for promotion to major general. Defense Secretary William Cohen announced the president's two-star nominees May 13.

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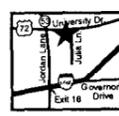
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Announcements

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Test/evaluation days

The Test and Evaluation Management Agency is sponsoring the Army T&E Days II with a STEP Expo on June 16-18 at the Von Braun Center. The theme of the conference is "Integrating Simulation with Test and Evaluation." T&E Days II will include keynote speakers, presentations, panel sessions, and the Simulation Test and Evaluation Process (STEP) Expo. More information on programs, exhibitions, or registration requirements can be accessed at webpage www.testevaldays.com. The STEP exhibitor coordinator is Rick Llewellyn 876-3662; and the T&E conference chairman is Mike McFalls 876-3462.

Model railroads

The National Model Railroad Association will hold its Southeast regional convention Friday through Sunday at the Huntsville Hilton. The Redstone Model Railroad Club is to serve as host. The convention is open to everyone interested in model railroading and will include clinics, model layout tours, prototype tours, and model contests, both for the beginner and advanced modeler. For more information call Jim Sims 830-4370 or Ty Marcucci 880-1390.

Redstone 2000

The Redstone 2000 Institute is taking reservations for its July and September classes. The course, which will be held in building 5304, is designed to provide attendees with tools to build skills to function in the 21st century. Topics include change, stress, time, and conflict management, Myers-Briggs Type Indicator, communication skills, empowerment, coaching and supporting others, Army Learning Center tour, individual assessments, information transfer process, working in teams, and a four-step problem solving process. The course, though part of the total Redstone 2000 Program, is a stand-alone component. Those that complete the High-Performance Skills course will be eligible for 3-semester hours credit at Athens State University. The course is 64 hours long and is no cost to your organization. July course dates are July 12-15 and 26-29 from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. September course dates are Sept. 13-16 and 20-23. To register for the course, submit your application through TIP request. The vendor is Redstone 2000, and the catalog number is HPS. For more information, call Nancy Hodges 842-9040.

Retired officers

The Retired Officers Association will hold a luncheon meeting today at 11 a.m. at the Redstone Arsenal Club. Steve Dinges, assistant director of Huntsville Planning Department, is scheduled speaker. For more information, call retired Capt. Albert Castelli 859-1340.

Intelligence group

The Tennessee Valley Chapter of the National Military Intelligence Association will hold a luncheon at 11:30 a.m. Thursday in the Regimental Room, Redstone Arsenal Club.

Col. Douglas Brouillette, director of Intelligence and Security at Aviation and Missile Command, is to provide an update on the Balkans. Non-members are welcome and reservations are not required. For more information, call George Lewis 830-3809 or Bob Westerfeldt 971-6533.

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.... The chapel will be closed May 28 and May 31.

Florida Tech

Florida Institute of Technology will offer a master's of science in computer information systems degree beginning Aug. 30 term. For information call 881-7878 or visit FIT's office in building 5304, room 4326.

GSA customers

The General Services Administration's Customer Supply Center can be reached at 1-800-525-8027. Its other phone numbers include: fax 1-800-856-7057, customer service 1-800-488-3111 or DSN 465-1416.

Missile conference

The second annual Army Space and Missile Defense Conference on programs, technologies and joint initiatives will be held Aug. 23-26 at the Von Braun Center. The theme is, "Preparing Missile Defense Capabilities for the New Millennium." In cooperation with the Space and Missile Defense Command the conference is sponsored by the Army Space and Missile Defense Association, the Tennessee Valley Chapter of the National Defense Industrial Association, and the Huntsville Chapter of the Air Defense Artillery Association. Program coordinator Bob Darnall, of Raytheon, can be reached at 922-8100. Exhibits coordinator Bob Wilkie, from the Schafer Corp., can be reached at 721-9572 (ext. 210). Jodi Weiner 837-5933 is handling administrative details. Terrell Downs 828-0091 is organizing the Aug. 23 golf tournament.

NCO graduation

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

Craft fair

The Civilian Welfare Fund Council is sponsoring a craft fair from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sept 9-10 at the Rustic Lodge. Crafters are needed. Handmade crafts only. Vendor booth spaces are 4-by-10 feet. Cost for non-Redstone community vendors is \$25. Cost for Redstone community employees/spouse (with valid ID) is \$10. Outdoor spaces are available for \$5. One table will be provided to each indoor vendor. One additional table can be rented for \$5. For an application, call Darlene Briggs 876-7214 or Michelle Klein 842-0972.

Vietnam veterans

A meeting will be held at 9 a.m. Saturday at the American Legion Post on Drake Avenue to form a Huntsville chapter of the Vietnam Veterans of America. Membership is open to all veterans who served on active duty in Vietnam from Feb. 28, 1961 to May 7, 1975; or if you served during the Vietnam era, Aug. 5, 1964 to May 7, 1975, you are also eligible. It is not necessary to have physically served in Vietnam, only that you were on active duty anytime during those dates. "Please come out and help get the chapter formed and organized," a prepared release said. For more information, call Ray White 883-9921.

Thrift Shop job

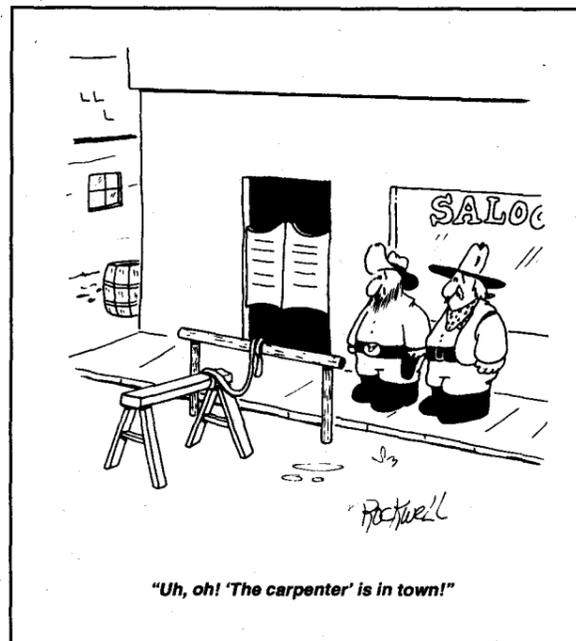
The Thrift Shop has a job opening for an assistant manager. Applicants must possess the following: knowledge of and experience in retail sales, computer skills, organizational abilities, and experience interacting with volunteers and paid staff. Applications are available at the Thrift Shop during operating hours: Wednesday and Thursday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; and Friday, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. The deadline for accepting applications is June 18 by the close of business. For more information call Sheila Torongeau, Thrift Shop manager, 881-6992.

Health Center news

Fox Army Health Center will be on holiday hours Friday, May 28 and Monday, May 31 for Memorial Day. Advice nurses will be available 24 hours a day at 955-8888 or 1-800-223-9531 to provide care advice and schedule urgent appointments for the Evening/Weekend Clinic. All other clinics and pharmacy will be closed.

Casualty exercise

Fox Army Health Center will conduct a test of its Emergency Preparedness Plan at 1 p.m. Thursday. Patient care will not be interrupted by this mass casualty exercise.





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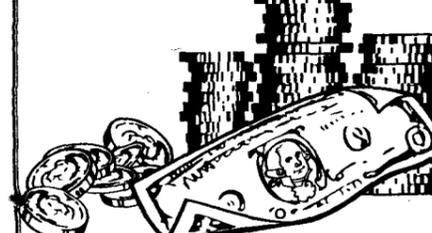
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- '93 Honda Accord. 4 dr., auto., fully loaded, sunroof, silver, keyless entry, 85K mi., exc. cond. \$9,300. 533-0099.
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