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With history lessons and humor...

AMC commander addresses packed auditorium

By June Johns

Comedic quips and lessons in history were all part of the short but sweet presentation made last Thursday by General John G. Coburn, commanding general, U.S. Army Materiel Command. Coburn stepped into the AMC commander's shoes on May 14, replacing General Johnnie Wilson, who recently retired.

Coburn stressed the importance of "Team Redstone's" part in Army logistics during this June 3 presentation to an audience of soldiers and civilian workers who packed Sparkman Auditorium. A signing service for the hearing impaired was supplied during this presentation.

Citing noteworthy historical leaders, Coburn emphasized the importance of logistics to an Army's successful operation.

"Alexander The Great knew about logistics. That's why he's called great," Coburn said. He noted that the Macedonian military leader marched his army alongside rivers, because boats sailing on water could carry substantially larger supply tonnage than animals traveling on land.

His tongue firmly planted in his cheek, Coburn speculated, "if Custer had simulated his last battle, I wonder if he would have fought it?" The new AMC Commander noted that during the infamous Battle of Little Bighorn, the cavalry soldiers fought with single firing rifles; Crazy Horse and his band of Sioux and Cheyenne Indians brought repeating rifles to the fight. Coburn explained that repeating rifles had not been purchased by the Army at that time, as it was felt these weapons did not have sufficient penetration power. Clearly this cavalry defeat could be considered a logistics problem, Coburn noted. "Failure of logistics, failure of supply...can bring an Army to its knees," Coburn stressed.

"The first battle you always fight is logistics. If you lose that battle, there isn't another," Coburn said.

Coburn continued, "the Army Materiel Command is a readiness command. We have to be ready to fight our wars

today as well as tomorrow," Coburn said.

During his presentation, Coburn also emphasized priorities for the Army:

- The first priority is people, Coburn stated, stressing dignity of the individual. "It doesn't matter what one does, it matters how one contributes to the overall effectiveness."

- People want to be part of a values-based organization. "All great leaders have combined toughness and tenderness," Coburn said.

- People take responsibility. Citing a poignant example of accepting responsibility, Coburn recounted how General Dwight Eisenhower, supreme allied commander, wasn't sure the D-Day invasion would succeed. After the start of the invasion, Eisenhower drafted a note stating:

"Our landings...have failed to gain a satisfactory foothold and I have withdrawn the troops. My decision to attack at this time and place was based upon the best information available. The troops, the air and the navy did all that bravery and devotion to duty could do. If any blame or fault attaches to the attempt, it is mine alone."

- Be enthusiastic about your job. "When a bumblebee stings, only 1/16 of an inch hurts, the rest is enthusiasm," Coburn said.

Prior to assuming the duties of commanding general, U.S. Army Materiel Command, Coburn served as the deputy chief of staff for logistics, U.S. Army, at the Pentagon.

The general is a distinguished military graduate of Eastern Michigan University, where he was commissioned as a second lieutenant of infantry, and where he earned his bachelor's degree in education. Throughout his career, he has served in various logistics assignments, involving locales such as Germany and Saudi Arabia.

Included in his military resume are also numerous major command assignments.

Coburn earned a master of arts degree in political science from the University of Kansas. He also obtained a juris doctor degree from the University of Missouri, and is

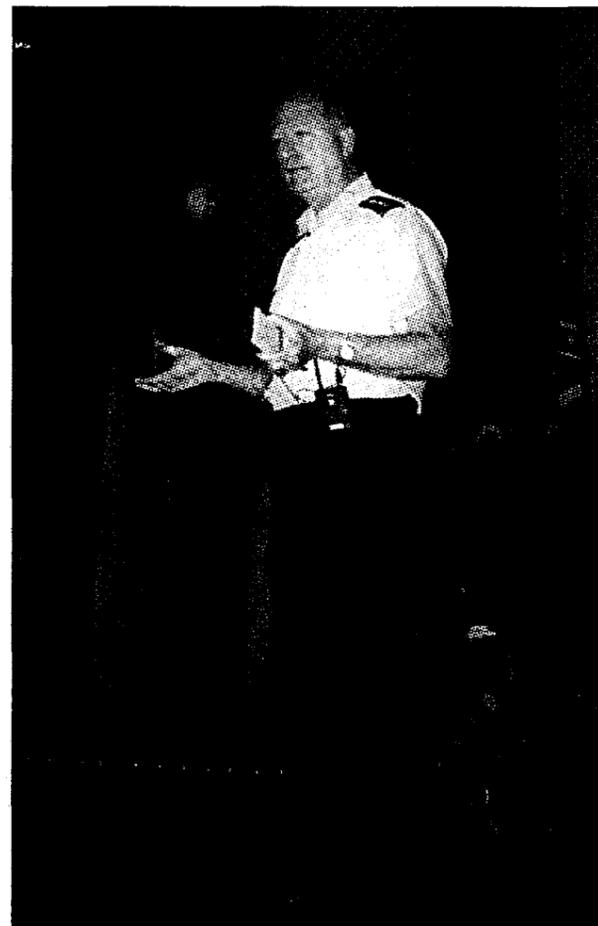


Photo by June Johns

ATTENTION! - New AMC Commander addresses a full house in Sparkman Auditorium.

licensed to practice law before several state supreme courts, as well as the United States Court of Military Appeals and the Supreme Court of the United States.

General Coburn's many military decorations include the Defense Distinguished Service Medal, the Legion of Merit with Oak Leaf Cluster, the Bronze Star with Oak Leaf Cluster, and the Kuwait Liberation Medal.

Traffic flow through gates getting smoother

By Sandy Riebeling

No valid vehicle decal? Do not pass go; do not collect \$200.

Heightened security at the Redstone Arsenal gates beginning June 1 caused employees 10-15 minute delays in getting to work after the long weekend.



Photo by Sandy Riebeling

GATE WAIT— Arsenal employees were in for a wait last week as the new security measures took effect June 1.

Employees had been warned weeks in advance to update vehicle decals before the new security measures took effect.

"People are starting to take it seriously," Maj. Janice Smith, Redstone Provost Marshal, said last Wednesday. "Yesterday the traffic started getting bad around 6:30 and lasted past 8 o'clock. The traffic is much better today. People are getting their decals renewed and leaving the house a

little bit early to get through the gates on time."

The badges office on Gray Road, where vehical decals are obtained, is doing double the business as more than 200 people a day are getting or renewing decals. The office is now open one hour earlier than before, until June 18, to better serve the community.

MSgt. Robert Furia, senior operations sergeant at the Provost Marshal's Office, said working the gates can be hazardous if people do not use proper gate etiquette.

"Picture yourself on I-565 between two lanes of traffic with nothing more than 150 gallons of water between you and a 3,000 pound vehicle," Furia said. "People need to have their full attention on the guard monitoring their lane of traffic."

Furia offered several tips for driver's as they enter the gates at Redstone, the most important, stay alert and slow down.

"Although the approach speed is 25 mph, it is very difficult to see a decal in half-inch numbers until you are very near the guard," he said. "Slowing down will actually speed up the check, as the guard will be able to see the decal and wave you through."

As you approach the checkpoint, be prepared to stop, which means leaving proper distance between you and the car in front of you.

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Letters To The Editor

Commander's Letter...

At this time next year, what will each of us have gained besides growing a year older? It's all too easy to let time slip by and have little to show for a year's work, a year's earnings. If only it were equally easy to hang onto some of those earnings, to save for a bigger goal than this month's bills!

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A coworker will contact you during June 1999 to give you information and answer any questions you may have. If you are not already enrolled in the Payroll Savings Plan, I urge you to enroll by completing an authorization card. If you are already enrolled, take this opportunity to increase the amount you are saving. It's a good way to "invest in your future today."

Maj. Gen. Emmitt E. Gibson
Commander, AMCOM and
Redstone Arsenal

Working Moms

Recently, letters were submitted to the Rocket concerning women, children, and careers. True, our society has changed in the past 20 years as all civilizations do. This assumption, however, that women no longer see "raising their children and taking care of needs of the family as a challenge and their responsibility" is not true. The implication here is that only women who don't have careers are concerned about their children's well-being.

As a working mother, I do love and care for my children and I am doing my best in guiding them to become "responsible" adults. Some women are fortunate in that they can do this and are still capable of having a career. We are twice blessed—paid with love and money. Whether a woman decides to have a career when her children are young or grown (or not at all) is a personal decision between her husband and herself that should not be dictated by what some "think" a woman should do and how they "think" a woman should raise her children. Do not automatically assume because a woman stays at home her children will turn out "perfect"—they don't always; nor will a woman who works have "imperfect" children. "Good" parents can have either.

As for Mrs. Clinton's statement "it takes a village to raise a child," perhaps people should read her entire book, "It Takes A Village," before they condemn the saying. It is an old African proverb and Mrs. Clinton chose it to title her book because "it offers a timeless reminder that children will thrive only if their families thrive and if the whole of society cares enough to provide for them... each of us plays a part in every child's life." Mrs. Clinton emphasizes that "parents bear the first and primary responsibility" for their children, but others who come in contact with them can also aid in their development and help shape their futures. These include grandparents, other relatives, clergy, teachers, coaches, and neighbors who, working together, can produce that "responsible" adult.

Regardless of whether a mother works for pay or not, when there is love in the home, together with help from the "village," a child will feel wanted, loved, secure, and have big dreams for his/her future. This should be every parent's, and all of society's, hope for every child in America.

Gloria Sosa Grady
MRDEC

Camera bag bandit

I hope the dipstick who stole my camera and case from my car Thursday, April 27, at the Redstone Golf Course won't be able to sleep at night. The case contained an autowinder and a complete set of lenses. It had a very sentimental value to me. The blockhead probably won't have the intelligence to operate it anyhow.

Rich Brayton

Going to Greece...

Lockheed Martin to build 18 MLRS systems for foreign military sale

DALLAS— Lockheed Martin Vought Systems received a \$54.9 million foreign military sales contract from the U.S. Army to produce 18 Multiple Launch Rocket Systems (MLRS) launchers for Greece.

The U.S. Army Aviation & Missile Command (AMCOM) is the contracting agency. Greece began its acquisition of MLRS launchers in 1994. In addition to MLRS, Greece also fields the Army Tactical Missile System (ATACMS).

Work on this contract will be performed principally at the company's Camden, Ark., facility. The launchers will be delivered by the end of calendar year 2000.

MLRS is the world's most formidable rocket and missile artillery system. During Operation Desert Storm, the Iraqis called it 'steel rain.' A U.S. artillery corps commander said simply, 'MLRS was the most devastating weapon over there.'

A single MLRS launcher can put more than two tons of destructive firepower on a target in one minute and its full load of 12 rockets can cover 30 to 60 acres with thousands of grenade-like submunitions. Each of the submunitions in an MLRS rocket has about the same destructive power as a hand grenade and contains a shaped charge that allows it to penetrate light armor.

The system can operate day and night in all types of weather and engage and defeat tube and rocket artillery, air defense concentrations, trucks, light armor and personnel carriers, as well as support troop and supply concentrations.

Lockheed Martin Vought Systems manufactures missile, rocket and space systems. It is an operating unit of the Lockheed Martin Electronics Sector, a leader in the design, development and manufacture of advanced electronic systems for global defense, aerospace, civil and commercial markets.

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Flying the friendly skies...

Army sets new rules for military, DoD civilian travel

By June Johns

Those traveling for the Army need to familiarize themselves with new guidelines issued by Secretary of the Army Louis Caldera. These revised guidelines, which focus on official use of airline seating upgrades and frequent flyer miles, became effective on April 8. They apply to all Army military and civilian personnel.

"It is permissible for Army personnel to fly in a seating class one upgrade from coach—where airlines offer this additional class of seating below first class—at additional government expense," according to Robert H. Garfield, chief general law/intellectual property law division at Redstone Arsenal.

In addition, Garfield noted that "within the Army, the secretary of the Army is the sole approval authority for first class travel paid by government funds or from a non-government source. Where there are only two classes of seating, the class above coach, however named, is considered first class."

Furthermore, Army military and civilian personnel may be permitted to upgrade their seating, provided the following stipulations are met:

- An airline only provides premium seats and their fares are comparable to other airlines in the area.
- No seating space is available in the coach section and travel is considered urgent.
- Disabilities need to be accommodated.
- There are warranted security circumstances.
- A non-government source is paying for the travel.
- Health standards in the coach section of a foreign airliner are considered unacceptable.
- Staying an additional night would result in higher travel costs and/or productivity loss.
- Certain OCONUS travel within scheduled flight times exceeds 14 hours.

Additionally, governmental frequent flyer miles may be used for upgrading your seating accommodations to a premium class less than first class if you are in danger of having your mileage benefits run out. Otherwise, you must use accrued mileage for free or discounted rates on future airline tickets, explained Garfield.

In any case, these guidelines stipulate that military personnel are not permitted to fly premium class in their uniforms.

When it comes to frequent flyer miles, setting up a frequent flyer account for government travel is not considered mandatory, but if you do, mileage earned from government travel cannot be taken for personal use, Garfield warned.

Garfield also cautioned that if you have a frequent flyer account that mingles government and personal mileage, "you have to maintain a strict audit" of what you can apply to personal use.

"These guidelines were issued in order to avoid the appearance that anyone in government is personally profiting from a public office, and to assure that there is a wise use of government funds," Garfield said.

For more information on the new travel policies and guidelines, please contact Robert Garfield at 313-2820.

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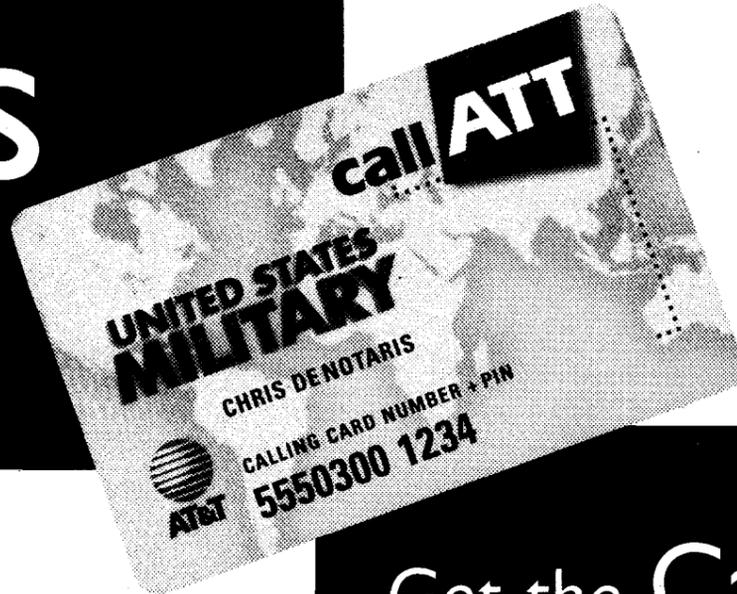
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Bringing people closer together...

Operation Smaller Footprint team to finish surveys this month

By Sandy Riebeling

The survey says... consolidation of administrative space is not only possible but an easy way to save the Army, and ultimately the taxpayer, a lot of money.

Operation Smaller Footprint is the command group's plan to utilize the Arsenal's most efficient space, create availability for off post Army agencies to move to the Arsenal as well as eliminating some of the older buildings on post.

The OSF dynamic duo, Carol Meekins, building manager at the Sparkman Management Office, and Sandy Hodges, real property specialist with the Installation Management Office, Directorate of Public Works, were pulled from their regular duties and tasked to make the plan a reality.

"The whole purpose is to save money on energy bills by reducing the infrastructure of Redstone and consolidating workers within more efficient buildings— then close the old buildings," Meekins said. "When we close buildings, our biggest savings comes in utility bills, but there are other expenses that are eliminated like pest control, maintenance and janitorial services."

To "find" available space, the team gets the blue prints and floor plans of each building and does a survey, "walking every square foot, opening every door," Hodges said, in order to get a true understanding of how the space is being used and comparing that to it's original and intended purpose.

The first big step in the plan was to survey the Sparkman Center buildings. Meekins and Hodges did the survey, took all of the information back to their office and discovered that there were 450 spaces available in the complex. It was also determined that 90 spaces would be created by the completion of the basement in building 5308. The plan for this organization then involved moving the nearly 600 workers from the Acquisition Center, building 4488, to the Sparkman Center.

According to Valerie Shippers, engineer in the Master Planning Division of the Directorate of Environmental Planning and Management, funding to renovate building 4488 has been included in the Military Construction, Army program for FY '01. The renovation will allow the Space and Missile Defense Command to be moved from buildings leased off post, onto the Arsenal. The SMDC facilities lease is approximately \$7 million annually.

"Building 4488 is a solid building," Meekins said. "It is concrete block with a concrete slab. It has a great infrastructure. It's worth renovating. Some buildings on the Arsenal will be put on the demolition list."

World War II era wood buildings are tops on the list. Of course, before demolition, historical value is considered and the demolition is approved by the State Historical and Preservation Office.



Photo by Sandy Riebeling

ON THE GO— This two woman team has spent the last several months surveying more than 500 buildings on the Arsenal. It is the job of Meekins, left, and Hodges to find all the underutilized space and consolidate whenever possible.

The Arsenal has 38,000 acres with more than 2,000 buildings scattered across the expanse. Meekins and Hodges have surveyed nearly 500 buildings in an effort to reduce the current 10 million square feet of administrative office space by 25 percent. It is an ambitious goal, one that they may fall short on this time around.

"We go by organization," Meekins said. "Once we

determine how much of the space can be consolidated, we make a plan of how to get the consolidation, and then work with the organization because once the plan is approved by everyone, it's the organization's ultimate responsibility to implement the changes."

Each organization has their own team working with Meekins and Hodges to come up with a plan that is suitable to everyone. Meekins says that it doesn't always run smoothly, sometimes there just has to be compromise, but that it is ultimately in everyone's best interest.

The Ordnance Missile and Munitions Center and School has been surveyed and a plan agreed upon, vacating 100,000 square feet of space in 16 buildings. Some of the buildings will be reused, while some will be "mothballed" until a specific need arises.

Other organizations able to consolidate at least 100,000 square feet include the Test Measurement and Diagnostic Equipment, Redstone Arsenal Support Activity and the Research, Development and Engineering Center. The Acquisition Center will account for nearly 200,000 square feet vacated.

The total savings gained by consolidation is calculated by the square footage cost — average \$5 per square foot multiplied by the amount of space vacated.

The cost of the move and any special equipment or upgrades needed is offset by the savings reaped by not having to maintain the additional buildings.

"Most of the moves will pay for themselves within the first year," Meekins said. "The other benefit is workforce efficiency. People will be closer together and better able to work together."

Operation Smaller Footprint is an ongoing program. Implementation of the plans approved of this year may take anywhere from six months as in the case of OMMCS or up to two years for the RDEC. As the Army downsizes, spaces open and there is room for more consolidation.

"This consolidation will give us the opportunity to offer up space at the Arsenal to agencies that are leasing off post," Meekins said. "Commercial leasing is very expensive and again, it will bring them closer to help support the mission. It also helps us through future BRACs (Base Realignment and Closures). It puts Redstone Arsenal in a good position for future growth."

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Finding the hidden costs...

Smart move for military move is financial planning

By Linda D. Kozaryn

WASHINGTON — Packing up and moving the spouse, kids, pets and everyone's stuff every couple of years is an inherent part of military life. DoD has created a financial planning tool to help make moving easier.

A new Internet web site, www.militaryacclimate.com, is designed to help active duty service members prepare for their next move whether they're moving across town or around the world, or making their final permanent change of station back to civilian life. The Web site projects moving expenses and forecasts the cost of living at the new station, according to Iris Bulls, a family policy specialist at DoD's Office of Family Policy here.

Right now, the web site offers information on 225 military bases in the continental United States, Bulls said. By the end of the year, it will also feature 75 overseas locations where U.S. service members are routinely stationed.

A 1996 Air Force survey, she noted, found service members spent about \$930 in out-of-pocket expenses during each move. This includes such moving expenses as cleaning and painting, meals, gas and oil, temporary lodging, and damaged or lost household goods.

These costs can mean money trouble, particularly for junior grade service members with children, Bulls said. "\$10 here, \$20 there — adds up quickly," she said. "In the midst of a move, it's hard to step back and see it as a continuum from first getting your orders until you're finally settled in."

"You may find yourself at the end of the move with bills much higher than you anticipated," she said. "It can put you in arrears, especially when you move into a rental and have to pay a security deposit, the first month's rent and, in some cases, the last month's rent."

Service members who fail to prepare adequately for their move often end up turning to the Army Emergency Relief, the Air Force Aid Society or Navy and Marine Corps Relief Society for financial assistance, Bulls said. "You really have to plan," she advised. "You have to know where you're going, how much it's going to cost and where you're going to stay and for how long."

Military Acclimate helps estimate the cost of a move based on personal requirements and military allowances. It also compares service members' current financial standard of living to communities in and around the new duty station. The Web site provides a "best-fit analysis" that lists

important neighborhood demographics, along with a ranking of the communities around a selected military installation. Using Military Acclimate coupled with a visit to the installation Family Center Relocation Assistance Manager can greatly assist first time movers, Bulls said.

"Only 30 percent of our people live on base," she said. "The rest are going to be in the civilian community, so there's a big demand to know that kind of information."

Let's say a soldier and his family are transferring from Fort Bragg, N.C., to Fort Hood, Texas, for example, Bulls said. "They can compare the cost to rent or to buy a home in Fort Bragg to Fort Hood as well as what the schools are like in the area. It even gives them the SAT scores, the student-teacher ratio — an entire 'market basket' look at the community."

Users fill out a worksheet and the software program does the math and tells users their entitled allowances, based on rank or grade, when they move. "It will even estimate how much furniture you have, so that you know how much you'll be allowed to ship," Bulls said.

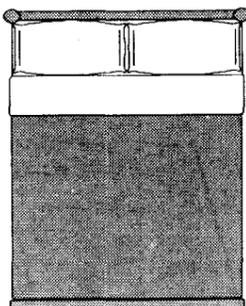
Military Acclimate also provides links to other DoD Web sites that feature specific information on the military community at the new site, Bulls noted. Relocation assistance managers at every major installation for example, run

the Standard Installation Topic Exchange Service, known as SITES. SITES, at www.dmdc.osd.mil/sites, provides a wealth of information on military housing, child care and other base facilities and services. When used together, SITES and Military Acclimate provide the member and family a good idea of the resources and costs in their next community, Bulls said.

Military Acclimate is similar to programs used by realtors in the corporate relocation industry, Bulls said. "We've had the program tailored to specifically address the needs of our military personnel and to make it user-friendly," Bulls said. Because it's Web-based, the program can be easily updated to reflect up-to-date information. "When we get comments from people using the program, the contractor can revise the program to make it more responsive to the needs of our members."

DoD's Office of Family Policy and the Military Personnel Policy office recently surveyed 20,000 service members who permanently changed stations last summer, she noted. Family policy officials expect to announce the results by the end of July. DoD plans to use the results of the study to better meet the relocation needs of members and families, Bulls said. (American Forces Press Service)

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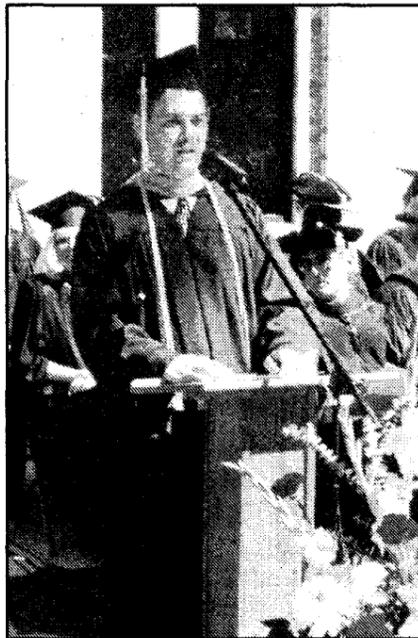
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By Sandy Riebeling

It's about doing the job right. Not just today, not just tomorrow, but giving years of consistent, excellent performance in the work place. That's what the Presidential Rank Award of Meritorious Executive represents and that's what Jim Flinn, the director of the Integrated Materiel Management Center has given throughout his career. It's no wonder he's won the award twice.

"It's a great honor and I feel very blessed," Flinn said. "But I look at this not as recognition of the things I did but recognition of the entire organization. I am proud of that."

The award praises Flinn for developing innovative teaming strategies that reduced the logistics cost of fielded systems by \$47 million, cycle times by over \$500 million and accomplishing a 25 percent reduction in personnel strength through re-engineering of business processes. As a result, Army units have the highest readiness rates in 10 years.

"The success story is that we've moved from a functional organization to a fully integrated weapons team," Flinn said. "We've reduced the size of the workforce by over half and our readiness has stayed high. Nobody went home involuntarily. The reduction was done through the consolidation of commands and the reshape. Our people are doing extraordinary work under difficult circumstances."

Flinn said the biggest hurdle has been the move to teaming.

"It used to be supply working with sup-



Photo by Sandy Riebeling

JOB WELL DONE— Flinn was honored with a second Presidential Rank award in May. He broke tradition a second time when he asked to have his award picture made with presenter, Henry, himself, his wife, Nancy and daughter, Kate.

ply or maintenance with maintenance. Now people from different disciplines are working together on systems. It hasn't been without some pain but we've made better decisions through training and we will continue to train on teaming."

While he commends his employees for their hard work, he gives thanks to the Lord for the many blessings he enjoys today, including his move from Washington D. C. back to Huntsville in 1984.

"I was working these ridiculous hours, my wife was working and we had two young children," Flinn said. "We came back to

Huntsville for a vacation and I had an opportunity to play golf with a friend of mine. He worked at the Patriot Project Office and asked me if I would be interested in a job.

"The Lord opened the door for me to come back here and be close to family, working with some awesome people and it has been wonderful. The Lord has blessed us in extraordinary ways. I believe I am in the job He wants me to be in and I give him the credit for my success."

It is an ongoing success for Flinn who won this award in back in 1992.

"I took my son Josh with me the first

time." Flinn said. "The citation they read when you're getting the award is fairly long, and while I was standing there, the man that was giving me the award asked me if I had any family with me. When I told him my son came with me from Huntsville, Ala., the man had the young captain who was reading the citation stop, he brought my son up and we all three got in the award picture."

This time, Flinn took his wife, Nancy and their daughter Katie, 16, to the ceremony at the Pentagon, where he received his award from Patrick Henry, assistant Secretary of the Army for Man Power and Reserve Affairs. Josh, a freshman at Auburn, was unable to attend.

"When I went up to get the award, I asked Mr. Henry if I could have my wife and daughter in the picture and he said 'sure.' So now I will have a picture to hang on the wall next to the one with me and Josh."

Flinn is a native of Dothan, Ala., who moved to Huntsville with his family when he was in high school. He said that his career seemed more military than civilian with all the moves his family had to make. From the beginning of his civil service career in 1969 at Red River Army Depot, Flinn has served in Germany, Washington D.C. several times, Rock Island, Ill., St. Louis, Mo. and Huntsville.

He has a bachelor's degree from the University of Alabama and a master's degree from the University of Southern California. He received his promotion to Senior Executive Service in 1981.

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Charles A. Leader, President and Chief Operating Officer of Nichols, recently announced that Nichols Research has been awarded the System Simulation and Development Directorate (SS&DD) Contract. This is a 3-year contract valued at approximately \$166,424,242 million.

This contract will provide AMCOM with engineering and technical support in systems analysis; design and fabrication; simulation and software; system, subsystem and component test and evaluation; and scientific computing for Army missile and aviation systems. With the addition of aviation systems, significant growth is anticipated for Nichols and our subcontractor team. This win assures that Nichols Research will maintain its position on the cutting edge of defense systems modeling and simulation technologies.

Mr. Leader states, "This large contract continues and expands work Nichols Research has been doing in the simulation and analysis arena for several years and further strengthens our defense business base with the addition of aviation systems support."

Nichols Research, headquartered in Huntsville, Alabama, provides information technology and technical services for the Department of Defense, Federal civilian agencies, state government clients, and commercial clients. The company has over 30 locations throughout the United

States, 3,100 employees, and revenues of over \$420 million. Additional information may be found at the Nichols web site: www.nichols.com. The Company's stock is traded under the Nasdaq market symbol: NRES.(Nichols Research press release)

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Pay attention to the guard and be prepared to stop, Furia said. "Do not proceed until you are directed to do so. The guard may be distracted or need for you to stop for a number of reasons other than your decal."

Vehicle registration is open from 7 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Monday through Friday until June 18, when they will go back to their regular hours. A registration office is open in the Sparkman Center on Wednesdays from 7:45 to 11:45 a.m. To obtain a decal, drivers need to provide the vehicle registration, driver's license and Arsenal identification badge.

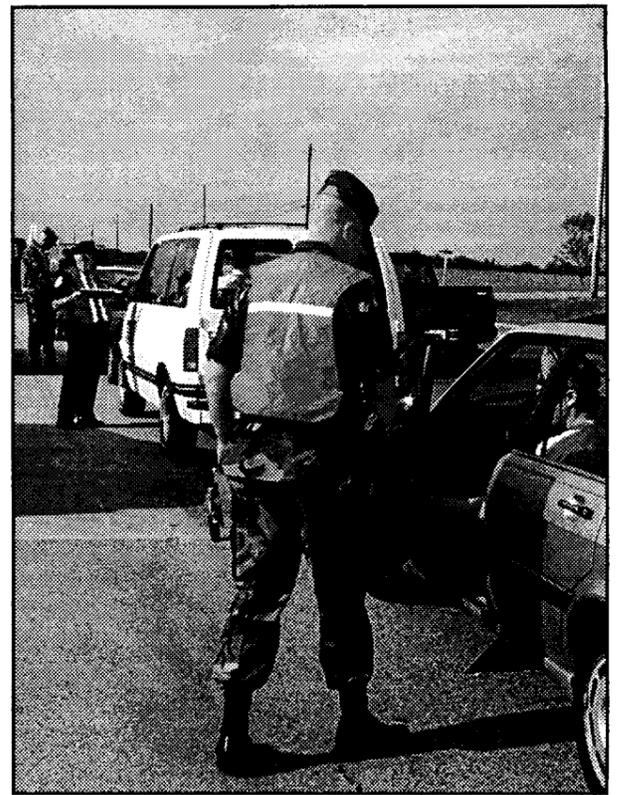


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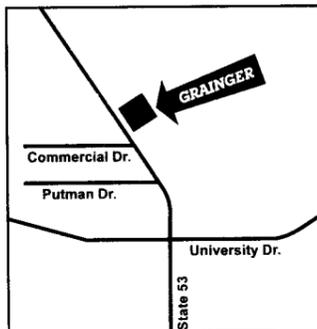
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Vice President awards RSA employee for innovative work

By June Johns

As the famous writer Ralph Waldo Emerson once said, "if a man makes a better mousetrap ... the world will make a beaten path to his door." In Marty McKenrick's case, it wasn't the world, but it was the Army, as well as Vice President Al Gore.

McKenrick was the recent recipient of the Hammer Award, a citation initiated by Gore in 1994, and named after the \$400 hammers the government purchased at one time. Since this award was established more than five years ago, over "1250 employee teams have been recognized for their efforts to reinvent government and save millions of dollars," McKenrick said.

This Redstone Arsenal worker was presented with the Hammer Award by Bernard D. Costker, undersecretary of the Army, during a ceremony held at the Pentagon May 17.

McKenrick was involved in the design and development of a new computer software program called the Rapid DODAAC Update system, otherwise known as RDUP. DODAACs (DoD Activity Address Codes) are required by Army personnel ordering "everything from toilet paper to a tank, and everything in between," McKenrick explained. McKenrick is employed as a logistic management specialist at the Army Central Service Point, located in the Sparkman Complex in building 5308, where all DODAAC codes are issued. She has worked there in one capacity or another over the last 14 years.

The new computerized system has done much to streamline and make the ordering process easier for the soldier in the field, McKenrick said. Prior to the development of this new system, Army personnel had to do extensive research, which often required the use of thick reference books and numerous phone calls, in order to find the appropriate DODAAC code to use when ordering. Easily lost handwritten notes, faxes, and three to four additional Army personnel contacts also needed to be made before items could be requisitioned. In addition, noting the correct address, shipping codes, and other necessary transportation-related information often became more challenging than basic training for the soldier in the field. Adding to the frustration and expense was the risk of shipping items to the wrong destination, a casualty of the older system, McKenrick noted.

Enter McKenrick and company's new computer software. Currently, an authorized soldier or Army worker in the field can go directly to a computer, and use the software instructions to more easily obtain a DODAAC, which is required to requisition necessary supplies and weaponry. An added benefit of the system is that it allows soldiers who are mobilizing and deploying to receive 24-hour priority responses, McKenrick said.

Development began on the new software in June of 1996, and amounted to slightly less than \$863,000 in actual costs, McKenrick said. The software was then tested at Fort. Bragg, North Carolina for three to four months. It was actively deployed in the field in April 1998, McKenrick said. "We were on time for the date we set for fielding and we kept within the budget," McKenrick noted.



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HAMMER TIME - McKenrick holds the Hammer Award she received from Vice President Al Gore.

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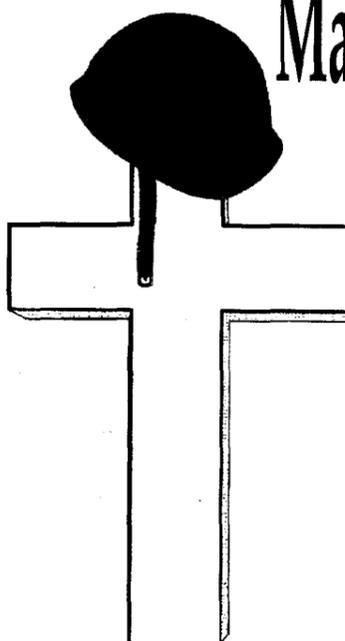
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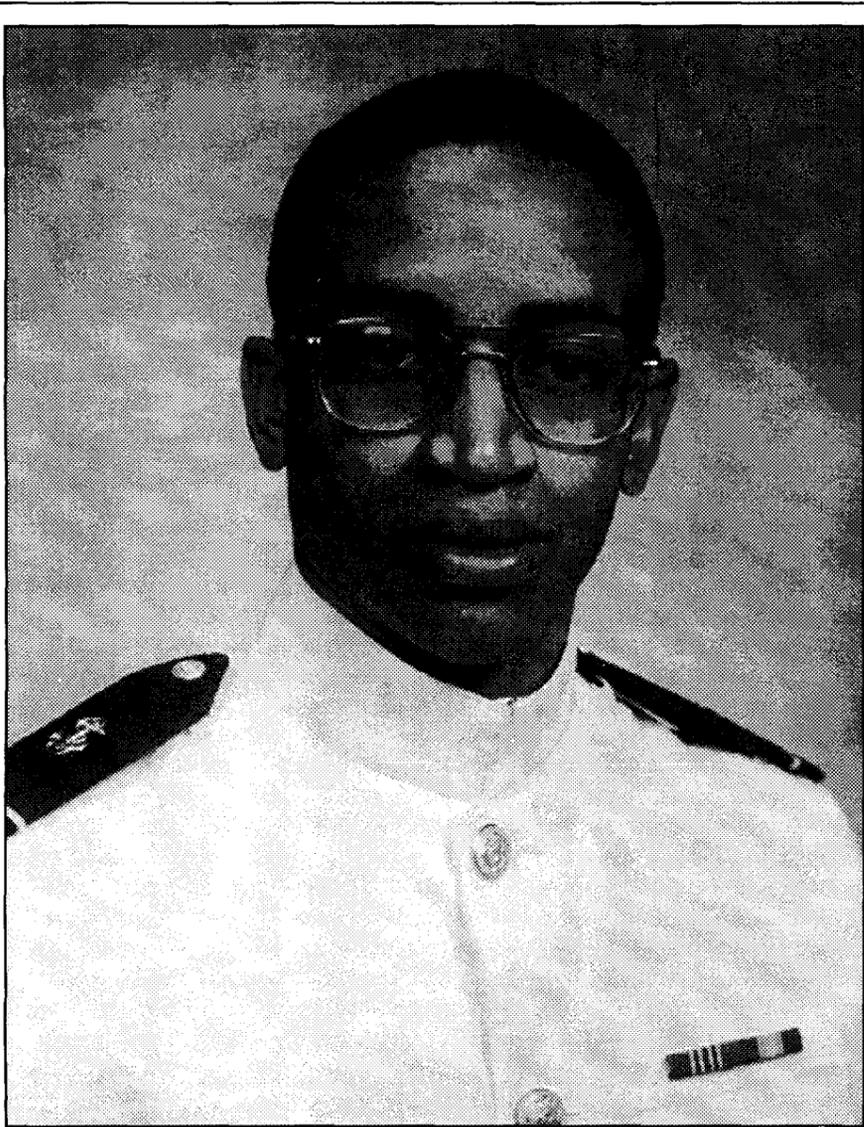
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Sidney Martin III, son of Sidney and Sue Martin of Huntsville, graduated from the U.S. Naval Academy May 26, with a degree in English. Martin's father is an employee of AMCOM at the Army Primary Standard Laboratory, TMDE. The graduate will be assigned to Pensacola, Fla., Naval Air Station for Aircraft Navigator School. He is a graduate of Johnson High School.

PAC-3 missile packs punch at test range

On March 15, 1999, a Patriot Advanced Capability - 3 (PAC-3) Missile intercepted a Hera ballistic reentry vehicle target over White Sands Missile Range, N.M. Atlantic Research Corporation (ARC) produces both the solid rocket motor (SRM) for the missile boost and the 180 attitude control motors (ACM) for the closed loop homing guidance performance in flight. Lockheed Martin Vought Systems is the prime contractor for the PAC-3 Missile Segment upgrade to the Patriot air defense system.

"We are extremely pleased with the test results and proud to be a part of the PAC-3 team," said ARC CEO Jim Sides, echoing Ballistic Missile Defense Organization Director Lt. Gen. Lester Lyles' view that the successful test is a timely validation that hit-to-kill (HTK) intercept technology is feasible.

The PAC-3 Missile is a highly agile, high velocity hit-to-kill interceptor being developed to provide increased defense capability against advanced tactical ballistic missiles, cruise missiles and hostile aircraft. ARC has been working with Lockheed Martin Vought Systems on this type of HTK system for more than 25 years.

Preliminary test data indicate all test objectives were successfully achieved. The SRM provided a nominal boost for the PAC-3 Missile and completed a significant maneuver in the final seconds prior to

impact. just over one-third of the ACMs were utilized in the guidance maneuvers through intercept on this flight.

The remaining PAC-3 test missions will consist of PAC-3 Missiles intercepting different classes of targets. The missile is designed to intercept tactical ballistic missiles at mid-endoatmospheric altitudes.

Employment of the PAC-3 Missile on some Patriot launchers in a Patriot battery will reduce the threat of saturation by tactical ballistic missiles, cruise missile and aircraft, and provide a four-to-one firepower enhancement (16 PAC-3 Missiles per launcher compared to four Patriot missiles).

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Fishing tournament get kids hooked on outdoor sports

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

• **Take a kid fishing**— The "Take a Kid Fishing" program sponsored as a joint effort between Community and Family Activities' Outdoor Recreation Branch and the Post Exchange, is a fishing contest for youth who are authorized patrons of the PX through the age of 18. The contest will commence at the Col. Carroll D. Hudson Recreation Area June 19 at 7 a.m. Pre-registration must be completed at the PX ID check stand or at Outdoor Recreation, building 5129, now through June 17 before 5:30 p.m. There is no charge to register and lots of prizes and gifts to be won. For more information, call 876-4868 or 876-6854.

• **Father's Day brunch**— Let Dad know how much he is appreciated. Bring him to the Redstone Arsenal Club June 20 for our Father's Day Brunch featuring a variety of breakfast and lunch items that are sure to be a big hit. The Brunch will be from 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Reservations are required and tickets are \$12.50 for members, \$13.50 for non-members. Children ages 7-12 are \$5. Call 830-CLUB for more details.

• **Swimming pools**— The Redstone Swimming Pools are now open! Season Swim Passes are on sale at the Outdoor Recreation Center and at the Recreation Center. Family season passes are \$40.00, individual season passes are \$30.00. Daily passes and guest passes can be purchased at each pool site for \$2.00 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. (Pool #3 on Goss Road will be temporarily closed June 12 and 13 for water line work. We apologize for this inconvenience, and thank you for your support.) Call Outdoor Recreation for more information 876-4868.

• **Turkey shoot**— A turkey shoot will be held 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday between the trap and skeet ranges at Outdoor Recreation. Cost is \$4 per shot; and prizes are awarded. Outdoor Recreation will provide weapons or you can bring your own 12-gauge shotgun. Active duty, retired military, DoD civilians, Redstone contractors, family members and guests are invited. For more information, call 876-4868.

• **Back basics**— Have you ever had any back pain or problems? Does any part of your job deal with lifting? If these questions apply to you or if you want to prevent back problems, then you need to register for the Back Basics class. Topics discussed will be correct posture, standing, sitting and sleeping; correct lifting techniques and preventive exercises for the lower back. The class will be June 15 in building 5303, room 3147 from 11-noon. To register for this class, call 955-6844 or e-mail to wellnesscenter@foh.dhhs.gov

• **Wellness Center**— On June 17, the Redstone Arsenal Wellness Center will sponsor "Exploring Your Potential - The Mind-Body Connection and Your Health." This program will teach how to: tap into

your inborn Wellness Potential, be as healthy as possible, trust yourself and take action on your dreams, pass this trust and confidence on to your children, raise a healthy drug free family, and the difference one person can make for another and for the world. This informative lecture will be held in building 5301, room 1148 from 11-noon. To register for this class, call 955-6844 or e-mail us (wellnesscenter@foh.dhhs.gov).

• **Preventing Osteoporosis**— Osteoporosis is a preventable condition that all women and men need to be concerned about. It is the "weak bones" condition that can lead to pain and injury over time. There are choices that men and women can make throughout life to build and preserve our bone mass and prevent osteoporosis. We are offering a class to learn more about the choices you can make now to prevent osteoporosis. This class will be June 22, in building 5301, room 1148 from 11-noon. Registration is required to attend this class. Call (955-6844) or e-mail us the following address: (wellnesscenter@foh.dhhs.gov)

• **Arts and crafts June classes**— From basket weaving to woodworking, the June Hughes Art Center has all that you need. Always wanted to try oil painting? How about learning to make stained glass panels? Learning how to professionally matte and frame your timeless photo's and prints can make them last a lifetime. Come join us at the June Hughes Art Center, and see what

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introduction to basket weaving, June 19 at 5:30 p.m.; oil painting, June 8,15,22,29 at 5:30 p.m.; stepping stone class, June 9,16,23,30 at 6 p.m.; acrylic painting, June 9,16,23,30 at 5:30 p.m.; wood safety class, June 10,17,24 at 5:30 p.m.; tassel making, June 17 at 6 p.m.; and painted flower pots, June 12 & 26 at 11 a.m. Advance sign up for these classes is requested. Matting and framing and stained glass panel classes are available by appointment. Call 876-7951 today! Hours of operation are: Tuesday and Wednesday, 1:30-9:30 p.m.; Thursday, 5-9:30 p.m.; Friday and Saturday, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.; closed Sunday and Monday.

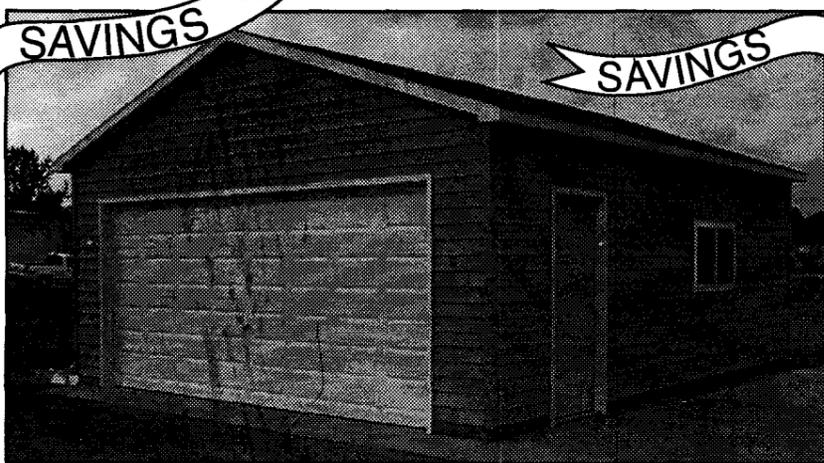
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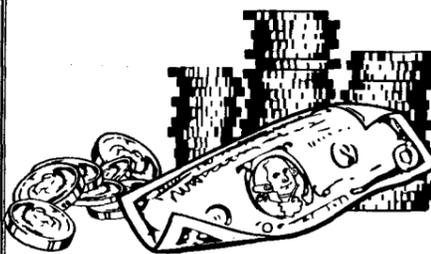
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• **Outdoor Recreation**— Campers, boats, fishing equipment and much more is available to rent at the Outdoor Recreation Center. We have plenty to offer for your family fun this summer. Come and see what we have available for an outdoor getaway or summer vacation! Give us a call at 876-4868 or stop by today! We're located at building 5132 Sportsman Drive.

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• **JOC**—Redstone Arsenal's casual bar, the JOC (Just Our Club) offers a great place to go after work hours to relax and socialize with friends. Open Tuesday- Friday from 4:30 p.m. until whenever, the JOC is located in building 114 on Hankins Road. The JOC features a big screen TV, darts, pool tables, patio court and tables. Cook your own complimentary hot dogs or hamburgers. For more information call 830-2582.

Inquiring minds want to know...

Huntsville landmark mystery solved

By June Johns

During the decade I've lived in Huntsville, I've often traveled down Memorial Parkway and passed that little white rocket that stands at the southeast corner of the intersection of the Parkway and Airport Road.

I vividly remember how it remained standing after miraculously avoiding the wrath of one of Alabama's most devastating tornadoes, the F-4 whirlwind that took

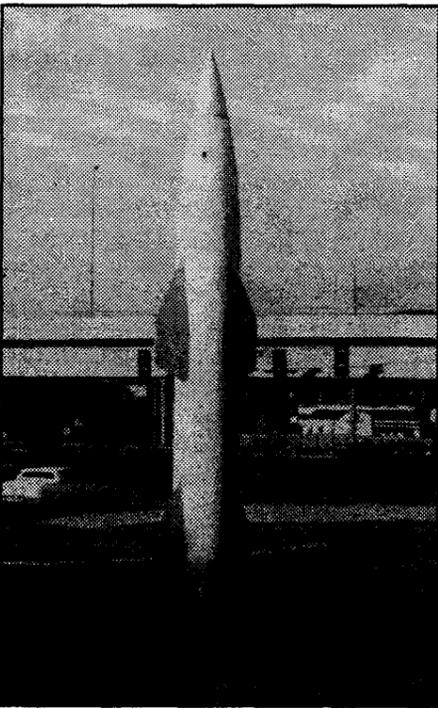


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1999 — Forty-three years later this rocket is still standing, having survived a devastating tornado a decade ago.

21 lives, demolished 400 - 500 cars, and did untold damage to numerous buildings in that section of the city that fateful November day in 1989.

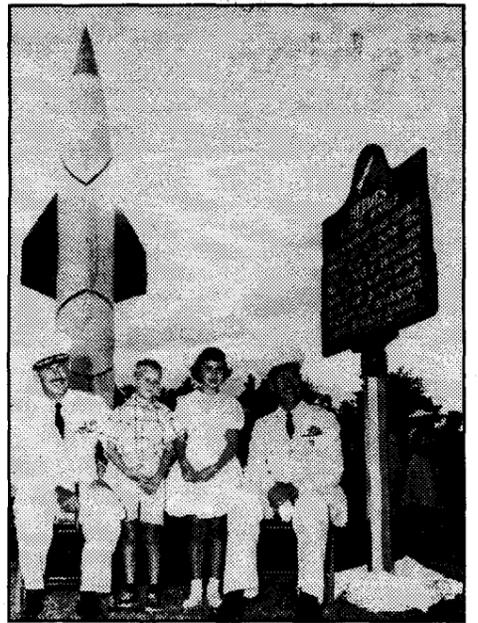
Even more mysterious (to me) than that tiny rocket's ability to survive that unbridled tornado is its history. Just why was it put there, and what does it represent, I wondered. I went looking for an answer.

The answer came in the form of old pictures, photocopied articles, and unclassified papers supplied by Dr. Kaylene Hughes, who works in Redstone Arsenal's Historical Function office, operating out of room 5135 in the Sparkman Center.

That rocket is a Hermes missile. It's been sitting there since its dedication ceremony on June 22, 1956, and it commemorates the "first American-made guided missile put on public display," as the plaque sitting next to it proudly proclaims. In the 1950s vintage photo pictured on this page, Maj. Gen. John B. Medaris, then commander of the Army Ballistic Missile Agency (left) and Brig. Gen. H. N. Toftoy, former Arsenal commander, posed with two local children whose mission was to unveil the rocket.

The Hermes Project ran from 1945 through 1954, and involved guided missile technology research and development.

Studying Nazi-manufactured V-2 rockets successfully used during World War II, developers of the Hermes missiles made use of German aerodynamic design. German science, which at that time was at



Courtesy Photo

1956 — The Hermes Rocket that sits at the corner of Airport Road and the Parkway was unveiled during a dedication ceremony held on June 22, 1956.

least ten years ahead of the world in rocket development, was relied upon for the outward design of these missiles. However, the internal design was strictly American-made. Although the expertise of rocket scientists such as Wernher von Braun, working under "Project Paper Clip," was still utilized for the missile's internal workings.

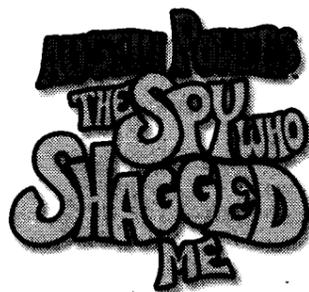
The Hermes missile project was named after a mythological Greek figure, who was the Olympians' messenger boy, as well as the god of science and invention.

Now that I know that little rocket's history, it seems to me that it stands a little taller and a little prouder at that Memorial Parkway intersection.

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Sports & Recreation

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. Pre-registration 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.

SMA golf

The Sergeants Major Association invites all command sergeants major and sergeants major, active and retired, to a breakfast meeting and golf outing June 18 at Gunterville State Park. The meeting starts at 7 a.m., and golf at 9. RSVP at 876-1874/5331.

Miscellaneous

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 web site, <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

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Special forces

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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.

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 web page www.testevaldays.com. The STEP exhibitor coordinator is Rick Llewellyn 876-3662; and the T&E conference chairman is Mike McFalls 876-3462.

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.

Florida Tech

Florida Institute of Technology will hold an information session for students interested in a master's of science in computer information systems degree 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. June 23 in building 5304, room 4323. Seating is limited; call 881-7878 to confirm a seat. Questions concerning this degree should be directed to our administrative office room 4326 or by calling 876-1581.

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 Advance Noncommissioned Course June 11 at 9 a.m. in the graduation hall of building 3329. Graduation for the Basic Noncommissioned Course will be June 25 at 9 a.m. in the graduation hall of building 3329. The public is invited. For more information, call SFC Timothy Capers 955-7954.

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New communicators

Universal Communicators, a new International Training in Communication club, will have a chartering party July 8 at the Redstone Arsenal Club. Membership cost is \$50. If you would like to join as a charter member send your check—made out to "Universal Communicators, ITC Club"—to Ira Smith, 222 Kyser Blvd., Madison, 35758. For more information, call Smith 461-7101 or Janice Isbell 859-9758. The next meeting of the club is tomorrow from 4:45-6 p.m. at Redstone Arsenal, building 5681 (PEO Aviation), Wood Road, conference room 125.

Blood program

Here's the Red Cross blood schedule for the rest of this month: June 10—building 5309, first floor, room 9128, from 7 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Helena Moore 876-7117 or Betty Mountain 313-1779. June 11—building 4488, from 7 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Fran King Wilburn 842-7533. June 18—building 4752, NASA, from 8 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., Edwina Bressette 544-8115. June 25—Corps of Engineers, 7-noon, Donna Smiley 895-1760; SMDC, Wynn Drive, room 1C400, from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m., Al Longhi 955-5901.

Stamp show

The Huntsville Philatelic Club will sponsor its 32nd annual stamp show June 12-13 at the Tom Bevell Center at University of Alabama-Huntsville. Show hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. that Saturday, and 10-4 Sunday. Admission is free. The show, "Huntsplex '99," will honor the 30th anniversary of Apollo 11, the first manned expedition to the moon's surface.

Reserve unit

A local Army Reserve detachment on Redstone Arsenal is looking for prior active duty people or possibly transfers from other units with MOS 74B (Info Systems Operators) and MOS 75B/H (Unit Administration). For 74B, the unit will consider reclassification action to MOS 74B if you can document with resume Civilian Acquired Skills—education/experience in the following computer skills: Data Base Man., Programming, Networking, and Telecommunications. The detachment works rotating shifts on drill weekend. Secret clearance required. For MOS 75B/H must be MOS-Q, prior service or transfer from another unit. For an interview, call Charles Vartan 313-0884 (work) or 883-8891 (home) for interview.

Best yards

Yard of the Month winners for May include Col. and Mrs. Charles Curcio, 14 Ripley Drive, officer; SFC and Mrs. Eugene Young, 373 Roberts Drive, senior NCO; Sgt. and Mrs. Kevin Lade, 1307-B Jupiter St., junior enlisted single/duplex; SSgt. and Mrs. James Ross, 525-A Magnolia Circle, junior enlisted/multiplex. The unit winner was C Company, 832nd Ordnance Battalion, building 3410.

Infantry units

The Army has announced that the colors of the 7th ID and 24th ID will be unfurled for active service as the headquarters for two active component/ANG integrated divisions. The divisions will be commanded by an active component major general and will be activated in October. The 7th ID will be located at Fort Carson, Colo., and the 24th ID will be located at Fort Riley, Kan., with a forward element at

Fort Jackson, S.C. The 7th ID will be composed of the 41st Infantry Brigade from Oregon, 45th Infantry Brigade from Oklahoma and 39th Infantry Brigade from Arkansas. The 24th ID will include the 30th Infantry (Mechanized) Brigade from North Carolina, 218th Infantry (Mechanized) Brigade from South Carolina and the 48th Infantry (Mechanized) from Georgia.

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.

Toastmasters

Sharpen your leadership skills and become a respected discussion leader. Visit and join Redstone Toastmasters which meets weekly on Tuesdays at 6 p.m. at Morrison's Cafeteria in Madison Square Mall. For more information call Joe Jones at 461-0476.

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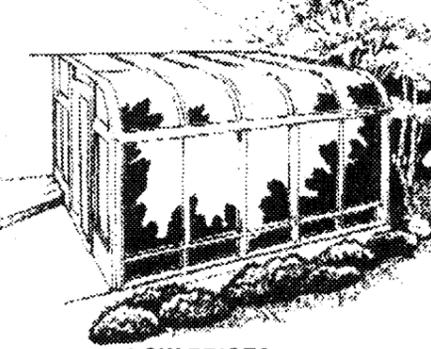
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Train ride

The North Alabama Railroad Museum (NARM) will sponsor a train ride on its own Mercury & Chase Railroad June 19 at 1 p.m. and 2:30 p.m. The trip, which lasts slightly over one hour, features a scenic tour through a portion of northeast Madison County. The cost for each trip is \$9.00 for adults and \$5.00 for children. To make reservations, call 851-NARM on Wednesday or Saturday only. Tours of the North Alabama Railroad Museum, located at 694 Chase Road, are also available. The museum, which can be reached from either Moores Mill Road or Meridian Street, is an all-volunteer, non-profit organization, with all proceeds used for museum projects.

"Sisters in praise" concert

The Huntsville Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, will hold their Third Annual Gospel Concert June 12, at 4:30 p.m., at St. Bartley P B Church, located at 3020 Belafonte Avenue. For more information, contact Brigitte Fletcher at 859-8003.

Women's conference

The Women of Excellence Fellowship International will host its first Citywide Women of Excellence Conference June 18-19 in the South Hall of the Von Braun Center. The conference, which is scheduled to last from 8:00 a.m. until 9:00 p.m. both days, will include workshops, singers, ministerial speakers and more. For further details, call Richetta Wilkerson at 536-2502.

Health fair

Fox Army Health Center is pleased to announce a Health Fair, for military eligible beneficiaries off all ages, June 24 from 8 a.m. to noon in the Surgery Clinic. A physician will perform testicular exams for men and breast exams for women. Beneficiaries can also have bone density and body fat measurements, blood pressure checks and receive information on health issues. Class-

es will be available on stress management. No appointment is necessary, just walk into the surgery clinic. For more information call 876-4228 or 842-0196.

Parent workshop

The North Alabama Center for Educational Excellence will host a free workshop for teen parents on June 17 from 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., at 1515 Sparkman Drive. Topics will include time/stress management, how to enroll in college, fitness and nutrition. There will be refreshments and door prizes. Call 722-9632 to reserve your seat.

NARFE meeting

The National Association of Retired Federal Employees will meet Saturday at the Senior Center on Drake Avenue. Bill Yell, communications director for Huntsville Utilities, will be the speaker, addressing the Project Share program, utility rates and Y2K readiness. Refreshments are offered at 9:30 a.m. Program begins at 10 a.m. For more information call 837-0382 or 881-3168.

Cave-a-thon

The Land Trust of Huntsville and North Alabama has released their summer tour schedule as follows: June 12, 9 and 10:30 a.m. with guide Keith Mandel; June 16 at 9 a.m. with guide Bill Varnadoe; June 19, by reservation, members only canoe trip to Blackwell Swamp; June 25, by reservation, members only trip to Blowing Winds Cave; June 26 at 9 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. with guide Tom Cunningham; July 3 at 9 a.m. with guide Bill Varnadoe; July 17 at 9 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. with guide Keith Mandel; July 21 at noon with guide Tom Cunningham; July 31 at 9 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. with guide Tom Cunningham; Aug. 7 at 9 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. with guide Cliff Clark; Aug. 21 at 9 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. with guide Doug Roth. Tours are free but reservations are required. Call 534-LAND. Remember to wear sturdy shoes and bring water with your own flashlight.

Volunteers needed

The Redstone Arsenal Thrift Shop is putting out a call for volunteers to work in the store. Youths are encouraged to donate their time, also. Earn volunteer hours and receive a letter of recommendation for future jobs. All interested volunteers, please call Sheila Torongeau, manager at 881-6992 after 9 a.m. Wednesday, Thursday and Friday for more information.

Engineering workshop

The U.S. Army Aviation and Missile Command Systems Engineering and Production

Directorate will host the Workshop on Total Cost of Ownership Reduction Initiatives on July 27-28 at the Sparkman Center, Redstone Arsenal. Acquisition reform requires implementation of a focused approach that constantly and aggressively pursues innovative ways of reducing costs throughout the life cycle of a system. Potential topics include Value Engineering, Operating and Support Cost Reduction, Diminishing Manufacturing Sources and Material Shortages, Dual Use Applications, Modernization through Spares and Standardization and Commercialization, and Reliability, Maintainability and Sustainability. The workshop is free and contractor participation is encouraged. Tentative agenda will be available later this month. For more information call 890-6343.

Prayer breakfast

This month's Non-Denominational Prayer

Breakfast, sponsored by the IMMC, will be held June 22, at 7 a.m. in the Sparkman Complex, building 5309; room 9128 (the conference room at the east end of the Sparkman Center Food Court). The guest speaker will be Conrad Ahia, contemporary Christian recording artist. No food or drinks will be served, but you may bring your own. Everyone is welcome to join in prayer, praise and fellowship. For further information, contact Ronnie Davis at 895-4181.

Union meeting

AFGE Local 858 will hold its monthly membership meeting June 14 at 5:30 p.m. at the union office located in building 3202 on Mauler Road on the Arsenal. All collective bargaining unit employees are encouraged to attend. For more information, please call 881-7430 or 876-4880.



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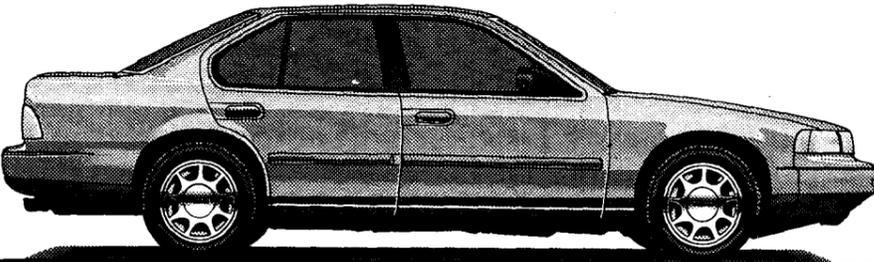
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Budweiser stein collection. Some rare, some still in original box. \$2,500. 650-0766.

18,000 BTU window air conditioner, 220V, \$165. Kenmore electric range, \$75. 536-5373.

Fisher-Price adjustable playhouse gym. Exc. cond. Only 3 yrs. old, \$125. 551-2934 evenings.

German Schrank (wall unit) oak, hand carved doors, corner bar section. Paid \$4,000 asking \$1,700. 461-4466.

Heavy duty Frigidaire washer / dryer. White matched set. Lrg. capacity, \$175. 881-8638.

Hi-comp HCB 8120 auto stereo amplifier with instruction manual. 60 watts RMS channel. Exc. cond., \$60. 880-3607.

Sale. Bedding plants, \$7. Hanging baskets, \$6. 4" Purple Wave Petunias, \$1. Jimmy's Greenhouse, 233-0247.

Power Mac 7200/90. 40MB RAM, 1.75 GB HD, 56k modem, 16 color, labelwriter. \$700. 881-8254.

Precious Memories Consignment & Thrift Shoppe (next to Geico) storewide sale. \$5 off your \$20 or more purchase. Open Tuesday-Saturday.

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Real Estate



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