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What a blast...

Space and Rocket Center free to military retirees, active duty and DoD civilians

Beginning June 17, Team Redstone military and civilian employees will not have to pay an admission fee to enjoy one of the Southeast's leading attractions.

The U.S. Space and Rocket Center has offered free admission to all Team Redstone employees — active duty and retired military and government civilian workers — and their spouses and children under 21 living in the household.

"This offer is intended as a small token of appreciation for all the U.S. Army has done on behalf of the U.S. Space and Rocket Center over the years," said Mike Wing, president and CEO of the USSRC. "We hope Team Redstone employees will join us at the facility and will continue to feel part of the team that launched the nation's first satellites."

Participants will be issued "badges" that allow free access during normal hours of operation and includes access to the museum, IMAX theater, bus tour and space shot; but does not include special or after-hours events.

To participate, eligible employees will need to "check in" at the USSRC ticket counter where they will be issued the badges. The ticket counter is open from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday-Thursday; and from 9 a.m. to 9:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday.

Applicants will have to show his or her military or civilian ID card and then fill out an application form provided by the USSRC. The applicant must be the eligible employee. Once the application has been completed, a temporary badge will be issued which will have the employee's name on the front, and on the back will list the name of spouse and children (under 21 living at home). A permanent badge will be mailed to applicants.

Since the badge will not have a user's photo, spouses or children must have the employee's or soldier's badge with them to gain admission if they are unaccompanied by the

badge holder. They must also show an additional form of personal identification.

The USSRC offer does not extend to contractors or retired civilian employees.

Employees of the following local military organizations are eligible to participate: U.S. Army Aviation and Missile Command; U.S. Army Ordnance, Missile, Munitions Center and School; U.S. Army Materiel Systems Analysis Activity; U.S. Army Audit Agency; U.S. Army Criminal Investigation Command; U.S. Army Engineering and Support Center, Huntsville; U.S. Army Space and Missile Defense Command; U.S. Army Test and Evaluation Command (Redstone Technical Test Center); U.S. Army Simulation, Training and Instrumentation Command; Program Executive Office, Aviation; Program Executive Office, Air and Missile Defense; Program Executive Office, Tactical Missiles; Civilian Personnel Operations Center; Commissary, Redstone Arsenal; 902nd Military Intelligence Group; Defense Intelligence Agency (Missile and Space Intelligence Center); Defense Megacenter, Huntsville; Defense Ammunition Logistics Agency; Defense Military Pay Office; Defense Systems Management College; Defense Reutilization and Marketing Office; Joint Tactical Unmanned Aerial Vehicles Project Manager; Air Defense Command and Control Systems Project Office; U.S. Marine Corps Systems Command (Unmanned Ground Vehicles); 14th Marines, Battery K; Ordnance Detachment 1, 100th Division (USAR); 184th IMA Detachment (USAR); Liaison Office, Army National Guard; Liaison Office, U.S. Marine Corps; Naval MOB Construction Battalion; NATO MEADS Management Activity; Dental Command; Fox Army Health Center, MEDDAC; Sentinel Product Office; Corps of Engineers - Mobile District.



FREE ADMISSION— This is a picture of the permanent badge that will be issued to authorized applicants for free admission to the U.S. Space and Rocket Center.



U.S. Army Photo, White Sands Missile Range

SUCCESS! —This photo is a 10-minute time lapse of the successful THAAD test on June 10. The curly-cue in the THAAD contrail is part of a purposeful maneuver to burn off excess fuel before the missile proceeds down range to the target. The intercept occurs in the top right image. The cloud-like image below that is the contrail remnant of the Hera target missile.

Ballistic bullseye...

THAAD lights up the sky with direct hit

The Ballistic Missile Defense Organization (BMDO) and the U.S. Army announced, June 10, a successful intercept with a target by the Theater High Altitude Area Defense (THAAD) missile in a flight test at the White Sands Missile Range, N.M.

The intercept, which took place at 7:19 a.m. (EDT), occurred over the central portion of the national missile range. The Hera target, which simulated a Scud ballistic missile such as those seen during Operation Desert Storm, was destroyed on impact. This test was THAAD's first successful intercept of a ballistic missile. All THAAD elements participated, demonstrating integrated performance of the entire system. Today's test was the tenth in a planned series of 13 Program Definition and Risk Reduction (PDRR) flight tests to verify the THAAD prototype design and performance of the system components.

"We as a team are awfully proud to deliver this success for America's Army," said Brig. Gen. Daniel Montgomery, program executive officer, Air and Missile Defense. "This success will not only help THAAD, but all other missile defense programs."

THAAD uses technologies developed in earlier BMDO programs. It is the first weapon system developed specifically to defend against theater ballistic missiles. The THAAD system will provide upper tier defense for the Army's two-tier theater missile defense concept. The higher altitude and theater-wide protection offered by THAAD will provide more protection of larger theater areas than lower-tier systems alone. THAAD is being designed to defend against both medium- and long-range

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RSA fitness facilities now open to civilian employees

By June Johns

Here's some good news! Thanks to an update in Morale Welfare and Recreation program policy, all Redstone Arsenal fitness centers are now open and available at no cost to currently employed and retired DoD civilian employees and their immediate families. This policy revision goes into effect immediately, and has been approved locally by Maj. Gen. Emmitt Gibson, commander AMCOM and Redstone Arsenal.

In a prepared statement issued by Ted Compoc, sports director at Redstone Arsenal, it was stated that "a review of user statistics at all four RSA fitness facilities revealed that space is definitely available to accommodate an expansion of eligible authorized users. By expanding the authorized patronage of all Redstone Arsenal fitness facilities to more categories of individuals, maximum use is made of the facilities, and confusion is eliminated over who has authorized use of each facility."

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Photo by June Johns
WORKING OUT - Connie Chavez, retired USMC major, and David Basler, general engineer with the MLRS Project Office, exercise at the Sparkman Fitness Center.

Letters To The Editor

Police radar

I travel Rideout Road daily. In the past week, I've noticed Military Police running radar outside of Installation and a new road sign installed just to be removed.

Though I have no qualms with the MP's attempting to reduce speed—but 1/2 mile or better off the installation? This morning there were almost three wrecks in front of me, people slamming on their breaks because the Military Police are off post "running their radar," slowing traffic from 65 to 51 in a 65 speed zone. The area where they were running radar is the other side of the Old Monrovia Road Overpass - approximately 1/2 mile from the entrance to the Arsenal just north of the I65 interchange. The traffic flow in this area is very heavy early in the morning and this creates more confusion and unnecessary distractions as if there isn't enough with the influx of oncoming and exiting traffic in and around the I65 overpass area.

Furthermore, there was a traffic sign posted just at the border gates at Rideout road that read "Reduce Speed 25" and now it is gone for more traffic confusion. The Military Police belong on the Arsenal. If anyone gets into a wreck due to their attempts to "slow" traffic not even in the boundaries of the jurisdiction what kind of ramifications will this have on the Government or this Installation?

Why don't they put reduce speed signs such as, from 65 to 55 to 45 like the rest of the areas do? Like the other end of Rideout Road and reduce speed in proper increments. This gate has been a hazard for years and currently as the signs read, the speed goes from 65 to 25

in a 1/2 mile or less distance. Where the "Reduce Speed" sign is, replace it with a 55 speed limit sign or 45. This would do more good than unnecessary distractions that are more apt to cause an accident.

Mary L. Weber
DPW

Editor's note: The following response was provided by the Provost Marshal's Office:

"A speed-board was placed north of the Rideout Road gate to let drivers see how fast they were travelling and to alert them to possible traffic congestion coming on to the Arsenal.

During the initial days after implementing the increased security measures June 1, traffic slowed and backed up north of the Rideout Roadgate. As the traffic slowed, the speed-board was moved further north. This safety effort was put in place with the cooperation of state and city officials.

At no time was radar used outside Redstone Arsenal to issue tickets or enforce traffic laws. The sole intent of the speed-board was to help motorists prepare to slow their speed and alert them to possible congestion ahead. The speed-board is also used at other installation gates.

The traffic signs posted outside the installation on the southbound lanes of Rideout Road are installed and maintained by the state. The Arsenal officials are working with the state to make changes to the signs to reduce speed as motorists enter the Arsenal. The signs posted inside the gate, like the speed-board, are designed to slow traffic and prevent congestion.

The Provost Marshall Office is continuously monitoring the traffic flow at all Arsenal gates and taking measures necessary to ease the morning commute for everyone."

Overwhelming response

To the community of North Alabama— Thank you so much for your support. Your response to our situation was so overwhelming that it would be impossible to thank each and every one of you individually, although we believe that you should all be recognized for your generosity and kindness. You gave much more than food, clothing, money or any other items. You gave us hope. I wish I could express how much you have affected our lives with your caring and compassion. May God bless and reward you for your selflessness.

Karen Saffari
SPC, USA

Editor's note: Saffari was one of four families displaced by the fire that destroyed a four-plex family housing unit on post June 12.

Fishing Tournament

It's time for the annual Take A Kid Fishing Tournament sponsored by Community and Family Activities Outdoor Recreation Branch and the Post Exchange. The tournament will be Saturday at the Carroll D. Hudson Recreation Area, beginning at 7 a.m.

Pre-register for the contest at the ID check stand at the PX or at Outdoor Recreation, building 5129. Pre-registration ends tomorrow but don't worry if you miss it. Families can also join in the fun by signing up Saturday morning at the Carroll D. Hudson Recreation Area. The contest begins at 7 a.m., so be sure to get there in plenty of time to sign up and get ready for the tournament.

The competition will be divided by ages: 4 and under, 5-10, 11-14 and 15-18. All youths that are authorized patrons of the PX can register for this great outdoor fun. (They must show proof of age with a birth certificate, driver's license or other identification.) Participants 16-18 years old must have a current Alabama fishing license, which may be purchased when signing in at the contest site and by presenting a valid Alabama driver's license.

"First and second prizes are awarded in each age category for the biggest fish, plus a grand prize winner. But every participant gets something," Gail Glass, program director at the Outdoor Recreation Center, said.

Official fish weight determines the winners and only catfish, bream and bass are eligible for the contest. Except for the four and younger category, all other participants must be able to manage their own rod or pole without assistance. Children four years old and younger will be allowed assistance with baiting and removing fish from the hook.

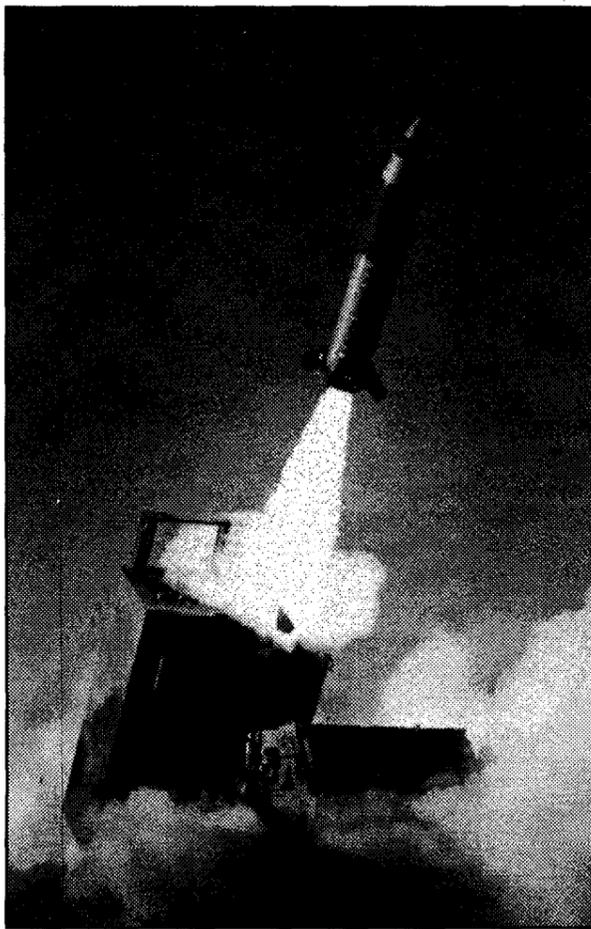
For more details call Outdoor Recreation at 876-4858/6854. (MWR press release.)

Lockheed Martin gets the bid... Army awards \$138 million contract for Block II missile production

The Army TACMS-BAT Project Office awarded Lockheed Martin Vought Systems a \$138.5 million Low-Rate Initial Production (LRIP) contract, June 7, to manufacture 24 ATACMS Block II/BAT Systems. Lockheed Martin Vought Systems was selected as the prime contractor for the system with Northrop Grumman Corporation providing the BAT submunitions. This is the first of two LRIP procurements authorized for the system.

Work on the 29-month contract will be performed at Lockheed Martin Vought Systems, Dallas, Texas, and at their El Paso, Texas facility. Northrop Grumman will produce the BAT submunition.

The Army TACMS Block II/BAT system is comprised of the Army TACMS Block II missile and the BAT brilliant anti-armor submunition. The Block II missile is a variant of the combat proven Block I missile family. It is a ground launched surface-to-surface guided missile, fired from the Multiple Launch Rocket System (MLRS) M270 series launchers and carries a 13-BAT payload. The BAT is an autonomous, unpowered submunition using acoustic and infrared sensors to locate, attack and destroy moving armored targets. The Block II/BAT system provides the U.S. Army a deep strike weapon with a range greater than 87 miles; it operates in nearly all-weather conditions. (Army Tactical Missile System/BAT press release)



Courtesy photo

MISSILE AWAY— The Block II is a ground launched surface-to-surface guided missile that carries 13-BAT submunitions which use acoustic and infrared sensors to locate, attack and destroy moving armored targets.

THAAD

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ballistic missiles. THAAD is a completely integrated weapon system consisting of radars; a battle management, command, control, communication and intelligence (BM/C3I) segment; launchers and missiles.

The program is managed and funded by BMDO and executed by the Army Program Executive Office for Air and Missile Defense and the Army THAAD Project Office in Huntsville, Ala. Lockheed Martin Missiles & Space is the prime contractor. The Raytheon Company builds the THAAD radar. The Army Space and Missile Defense Command in Huntsville, Ala. manages the Hera target used in this test. Coleman Research Corporation and Aerotherm Corporation are the contractors for Hera targets. (DoD press release)

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Morale boosting mail... "Friends" collect and send letters to U.S. troops worldwide

FAYETTEVILLE, NC (Home of Fort Bragg and the 82nd Airborne) - Units which are deployed or which are about to deploy, as well as units which are assigned to remote locations can sign up for morale-boosting mail. Check this page on the Friends of Our Troops Web site: <http://www.militarymail.org/deploy.htm> for information.

The top U.S. Army participant in the most recent Military Mail morale campaigns of Friends of Our Troops was the NCO Wives Club of Fort Bliss, Texas. Sue Gonzales, Vice President of the group, coordinated their outstanding efforts.

"We think these folks are exceptional, and we know that U.S. troops all across the nation and around the world appreciate their efforts," said G.B. Wisner, executive director of Friends of Our Troops.

Mail from all over the nation is sent to Friends of Our Troops headquarters. After being intermixed, it is made up into well over 1,000 packages of mail to be sent out. "The packages range in size from just a handful for small units up to several thousand for an entire base or a large ship," said Wisner. "This helps to get an appropriate amount of mail to a lot of different places, rather than having some units receive an over-abundance of mail and other units receiving none."

As the continuation of the Vietnam Mail Call program, which was established in 1965, there have now been almost 35 years of service to and support of our soldiers, sailors, Marines, airmen, and coast guardsmen.

Also, while Military Mail is definitely not a match-making service, occasionally a wedding does result. (Kurt and Theresa, in fact, met through this program.) Readers can see photos of a few such couples at <http://www.militarymail.org/romance.htm>.

To learn how you, your family and any groups the various family members are involved with can help to boost the morale of U.S. troops all across the U.S. and around the world, please send a first-class U.S. stamp for return postage (please-we emphasize that a self-addressed stamp is not needed—just the stamp), along with your name and address, to Friends of Our Troops, P.O. Box 65408, Fayetteville, NC 28306. (And mention where you read about the Military Mail campaign.) Thank you!(Friends of Our Troops press release)

Soldiers' health care questions answered at new E-mail address

Soldiers at Fox Army Health have a new way to get personalized answers to their questions about TRICARE.

The Army Surgeon General's office has instituted a direct E-mail address (www.tricare_help@otsg-amedd.army.mil) for soldiers and their families who have questions or situations which they have not been able to get answered at their local level.

In an effort to add to the promptness of resolving soldiers' concerns about health care, the new e-mail address appeared on more than 480,000 April leave-and-earnings statements for active duty soldiers. The TRICARE information was also available on a May LES.

"We want to ensure promptness in resolving soldiers' concerns about health care," said Army Surgeon General Lt. Gen. R. Blanck.

Officials at the Surgeon General's office reported that during the first 10 days after the address appeared on the LES, only 40 inquiries were made using the new E-mail address, indicating that most soldiers and family members were getting the information and assistance they need at their local installations.

Col. J. Mark Kirk, commander of Fox Army Health Center, reminds soldiers and their family members, both active-duty and retired, that his staff is available to assist with TRICARE concerns and to intercede when necessary to help resolve issues with Humana Military Health System, the TRICARE contractor for the local region, or higher-level TRICARE authorities.

"Our goal is to provide quality care and total patient satisfaction," said Kirk. "Every Army family served by Fox Army Health Center should keep these phone numbers handy. The local TRICARE Service Center number is 882-7404. Fox Army Health Center's Health Benefits Advisory, Lue Fullwood, is available to assist you and may be reached at 955-6497."

"I think we can help you with most problems, but if we can't help you in a reasonable time period, then I urge you to use the Surgeon General's new e-mail address. The Army Medical Department intends to be responsive in pursuing fast resolution of soldiers' concerns," Kirk said. (Fox Army Health Center press release.)

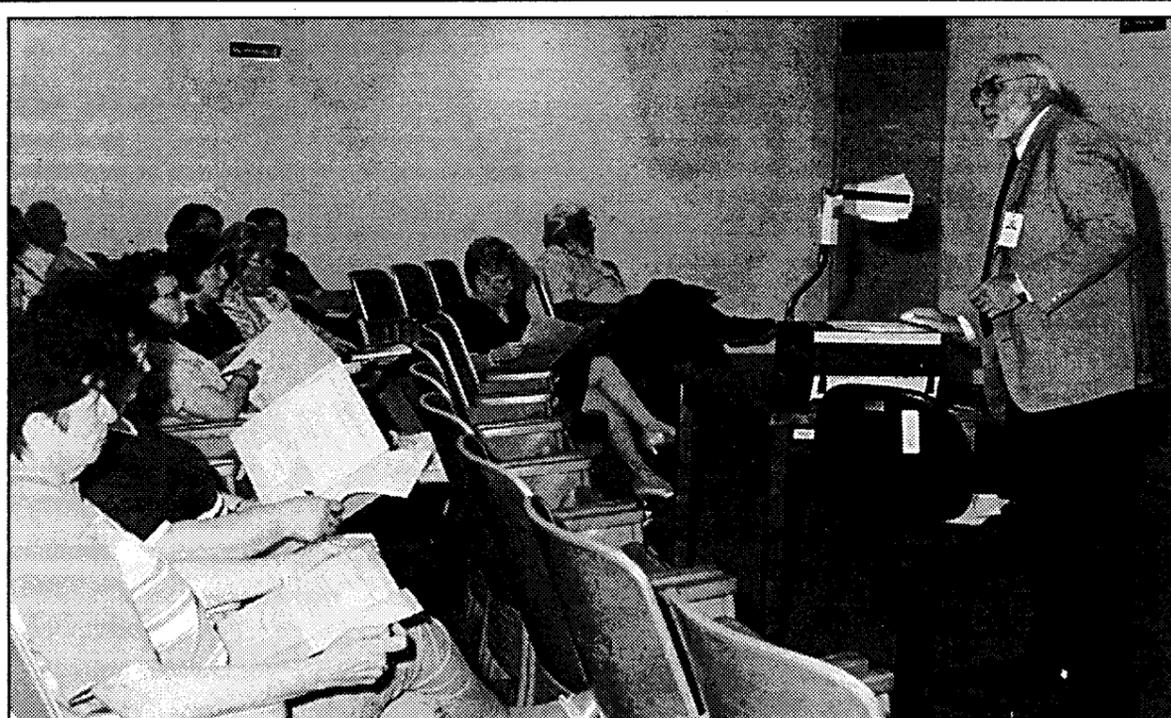


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Investing for retirement..

Doug Dutcher, Benefit Advisory Group Inc., advises listeners at the Security Assistance Management Directorate auditorium to give some of it away, invest some, have a plan, avoid debt and live on less than they make. Dutcher has been presenting seminars at Redstone Arsenal since 1988 to help individual federal employees in CSRS and FERS better understand their total retirement package to include all costs.

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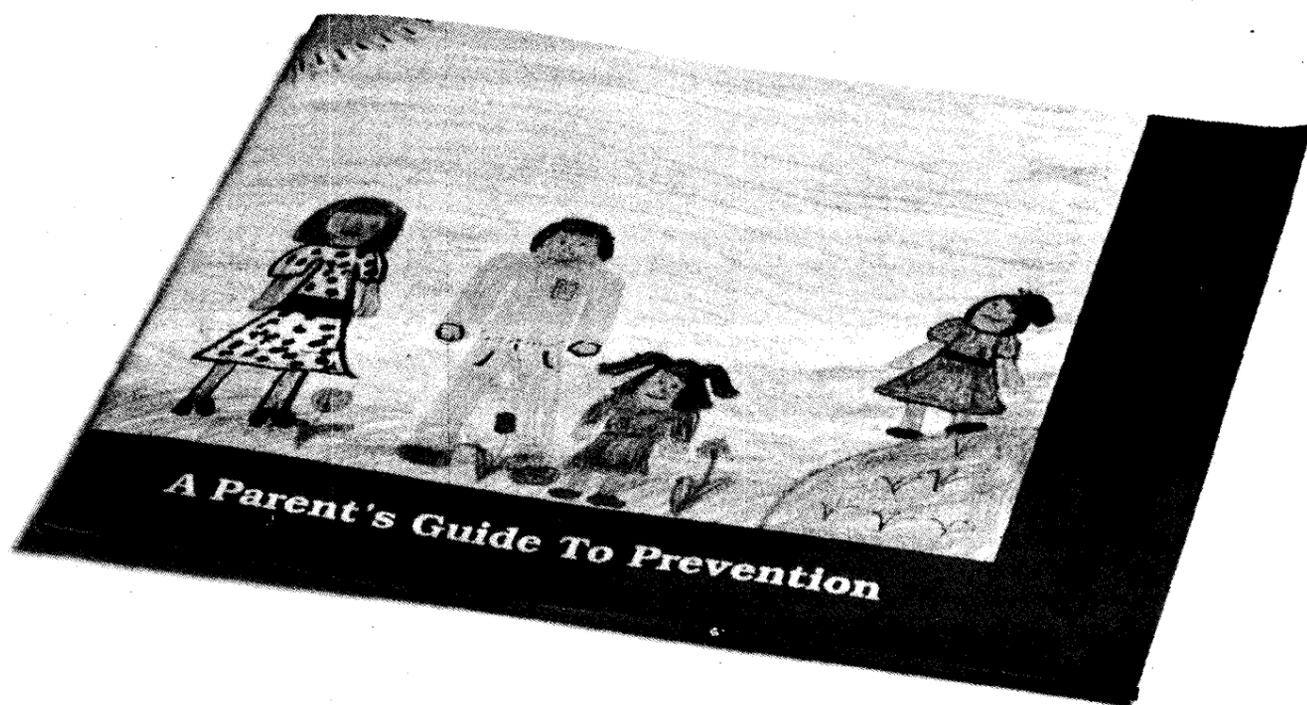
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Acquisition and Logistics reform day unqualified success

By Dorothy Downing

Team Redstone observed Acquisition and Logistics Reform Day, on June 9 in the Sparkman Center Auditorium. The theme was "Accelerating the Revolution." This event was in support of Dr. Jacques S. Gansler, Under Secretary of Defense (Acquisition and Technology), who designated June 7-11 Acquisition and Logistics Reform Week. Dr. Gansler requested all organizations set aside one day to focus on acquisition and logistics reform initiatives.

Integrated Materiel Management Center (IMMC), Integrated Logistics Support (ILS)/Manpower and Personnel Integration (MANPRINT) Management Office hosted this event. Daniel J. Rubery, AMCOM deputy commanding general, delivered opening remarks followed by representatives from Program Executive Office (PEO), Aviation; N. Paul Bogosian, deputy PEO, PEO Air and Missile Defense; Robin Campbell, director business management, PEO Tactical Missiles; Vicky L. Armbruster, deputy PEO; and deputy for systems acquisition, Dr. Eugene E. Paro. After introductions, the program was kick-offed with a video tape of General John G. Coburn, commander of the Army Materiel Command. Highlights of the day included a live broadcast of Eric A. Orsini, deputy assistant secretary of the Army for Logistics, (ASA — Acquisition, Logistics and Technology). The emcee for this event was John R. Chapman, deputy director, IMMC, AMCOM. Key speakers for the Acquisition and Logistics Reform Initiatives included industry and government personnel. Industry perspective was provided by Boeing and Raytheon company representatives, John T. Gilbride, Jr., director, Aeorospace Support, The Boeing Company, Philadelphia, Penn., and Linda B. Rusk, senior vice president, Contracts, Raytheon Systems Company, Arlington, Va. Topic speakers included Frank J. Lalumiere, deputy executive director for Program Integration, Defense Contract Management Command (DCMC), Fort Belvoir, Va, DCMC Initiatives; Robert A. Lucas, Jr.,

team leader, Acquisition Policy and Reform Division, Acquisition Center, Acquisition Reform Implementation Assessment Team Feedback; Rebecca V. Pratcher, chief AMCOM strategic planning office, Strategic Plan; David A. Mellberg, AMCOM alternate competition advocate, Commerciality Decision Process; Col. Roger L. Carter, project manager, Close Combat Anti-Armor Weapon System, PEO Tactical Missiles, Contractor Logistics Support, Improved Target Acquisition System; Melvin L. Bartlett, engineer, PEO Tactical Missiles, Integrated Data Environment; Maxine H. Maples, special assistant to the deputy for Defense Acquisition Career Management/Southern Regional Director Acquisition Career Management, Army Acquisition Corps Update.

Approximately 485 registered attendees participated in the event. AMCOM's Letterkenny and Corpus Cristi Army Depots and other remote attendees joined via Cable TV Channel 42. In the live Orsini broadcast, Orsini addressed logisticians worldwide and led a panel consisting of representatives from DA Deputy Chief of Staff for Logistics, Combined Arms Command, The Army National Guard

and the Office of the Chief of the Army Reserves. Orsini and his panel discussed subjects which included: Revitalization of Military Logistics, Emerging Doctrine, Leveraging Technology, Army aging Equipment and the Sustainment Program Element Group. Electronic mail and fax capabilities were established for questions from our audience and submitted to the panel for discussion.

The Army hosted live Web Casts on June 7 and 9. The OSD hosted a live Web Cast on June 8.

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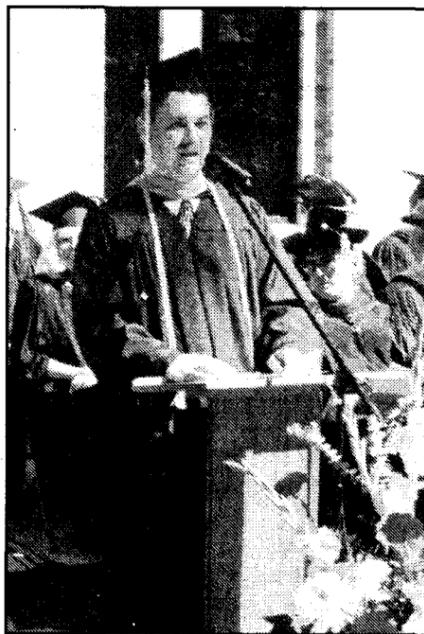
Fashion show...

As part of the observance of Asian-Pacific American Heritage month, a luncheon was held at the Redstone Arsenal Club May 25, featuring a cultural fashion show of traditional Asian-Pacific clothing. Xa Rambo, pictured with her granddaughter, models one of the traditional outfits.

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Lost and found —

Tearful tale results as son reunited with birth mother after 30 years

By June Johns

He was born in Germany and christened Wolfgang Richard Frank. At the age of 18 months, he was adopted by an American military captain in the Army, taken to the United States, and had his name changed to Loren Charles "Chuck" Bulla.

Chuck Bulla currently serves as a chaplain at the Bicentennial Chapel, located off Goss Road on Redstone Arsenal.

From as far back as he can remember, Bulla had known he was adopted. And his adopted father had always told him, "you have a mother out there you should be reunited with." The mother's name was Edith Marie Frank.

Upon re-entering the Army as an American Baptist chaplain, Bulla decided it was time to go looking for his birth mother. For his first Army move, Bulla was given an option to relocate to Hawaii. He turned it down for a chance to go to Germany, and the opportunity to try and find his long-lost mother.

In 1991, after having served about one year in Germany, Bulla made a trip to his birthplace, accompanied by his wife and immediate family, as well as a friend who was an Army lieutenant and who spoke fluent German. "I took my documentation papers, and figured it was a shot in the dark," Bulla remembered.

"When I got to the place of records, I was told that under German laws they could only provide me with my mother's last known address. It wasn't much to go on. Her last known address was in Munich 30 years ago," he said.

Sifting through his adoption papers, Bulla then came across the name Poetsch. He looked the name up in a local German phone book and Jeff, his lieutenant friend who spoke German, placed a phone call, asking the person on the other end of the line, "We have a Wolfgang Richard Frank here, do you know this name?"

"It was an extraordinary moment for me to view my mother after 30 years of wondering."

"I'll never forget the look on Jeff's face," Bulla recalled. "His face lit up as the other person on the line said 'Yes, I am two blocks from where you are standing. Come now!'"

"Our group pulls up, pours out of the car, and makes our way to the front door. I'm nothing short of nervous about this," Bulla remembered.

"Jeff knocks on the door, and out steps a short little elderly lady by the name of Lilly. Lilly steps outside of the door and immediately begins to scan all of us individually. When she gets to my face, she freezes in place. She then throws her hands to her head and starts running around in circles, crying 'wunder! wunder!,'" Bulla said. "It turned out that Lilly and my birth mother were the best of friends.

"She finally settles down and invites our crowd of 10 into the house. Inside is her husband, Otto. All around him

on the walls are his oil paintings. The man is a professionally gifted artist; I felt like I'd stepped into the Louvre."

Otto and Lilly took this opportunity to inform Bulla that his natural mother was currently living in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. "Then," Bulla said, "Lilly asked me if I wanted to see a picture of my mother. It was an extraordinary moment for me to view my mother after 30 years of wondering.

"We spent the rest of the afternoon talking, looking through pictures, and exchanging stories. Apparently, Lilly had been a part-time caregiver for me as an infant. It was as if the history of all those years had suddenly come back in an amazing way.

"From here on out, the story gets a little more interesting," Bulla continued. After his meeting with Lilly and Otto, Chuck Bulla returned to the city outside of Frankfurt where he was stationed.

"I had very clearly in my mind what I needed to do next, and that was to contact my adopted dad. I got on the phone and told him, 'dad, you're not going to believe this. I think I've found Edith,'" Bulla recounted, "it turns out she was living in (the town of) King of Prussia, right next door to Valley Forge," the headquarters location for this chaplain's denomination.

Bulla next planned to hire a lawyer and have someone "very discreetly make inquiries on my behalf. I was afraid of crashing in on someone else's life so unexpectedly." But fate, and the current wife of Bulla's adopted father, had other plans.

"The next day, I get a phone call. It is my adoptive dad calling me, and I remember hearing with shell shock him saying, 'Son, we found her. She knows about you and wants to see you.'

"Using an aggressive approach, 'dad's current wife took matters into her own hands, locating my real mother's phone number. She then called, declaring 'I am calling on behalf of Wolfgang Richard Frank.'" The person on the other end of the phone turned out to be Ramona Rutherford, Bulla's half-sister who, up until that time, did not know he existed.

"Forty-eight hours later," Bulla continued, "I'm out doing yard work. My youngest son, (13-year-old Jonathan) comes pouring out the door, and you should have seen the look on his face. He whispers, 'Dad, there's a phone call for you. I think it's your mom.'

"My heart leapt into my throat. I was not prepared for this surge of events. I was actually quite frightened by it," Bulla said, adding, "I've never seen my family light up in that way before. It was the most powerful mix of joy and anticipation... and a little fearfulness."

His eyes intensely focused, Bulla went on, "I'm usually not speechless, but all I could say was 'hello.'

"I hear on the other part of the phone a deep alto voice in a thick German accent saying, 'Loren?' I realize that for the first time in my life I've heard my mother call my name.

"Within just a few seconds, we found ourselves talking like it was old times. Somehow, we fit like hand-in-glove," Bulla said. "The phone conversation ended with a commitment on my part, and at her invitation, for me to come when I could and we would meet.

"I began immediately to organize for a trip and soon found a military airlift command flight. The invitation was an open

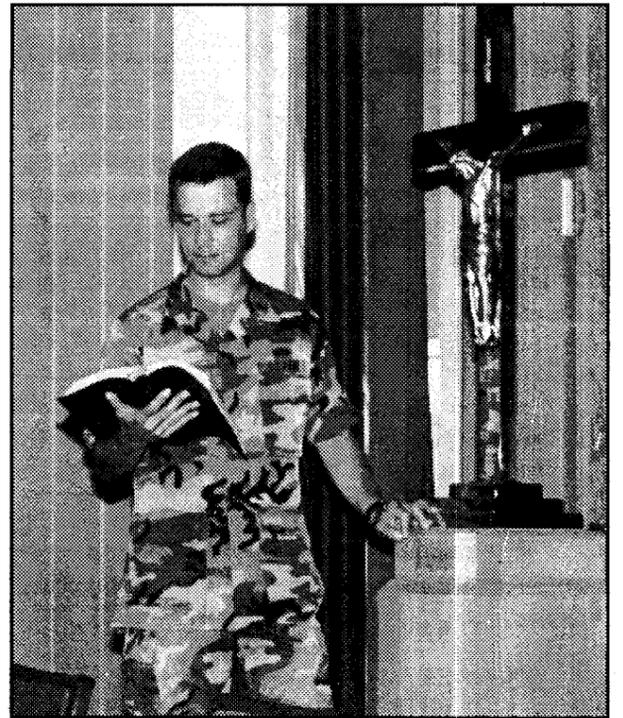


Photo by June Johns

TOGETHER AGAIN — After 30 years, Chaplain Bulla, who serves at the Bicentennial Chapel on the Arsenal, located his birth mother.

invitation. Within three weeks I was in Philadelphia."

Bulla stayed at a Philadelphia motel, as "I didn't want to go directly to the house." He reached his half-sister Ramona, who requested he spend lunch talking with her before he saw his mother for the first time.

"In a few minutes, Ramona pulls up. Since I was wearing my military outfit, I wasn't hard to spot.

"Our first meeting was easy and welcoming," said Bulla. They spent two hours together.

During this time, Ramona told him that she had not known about her half-brother, and that there was a secretive side to their mother, due to her devastating childhood, born out of the horrors of World War II.

Bulla and Ramona "bonded immediately, with similar likes and dislikes," including yellow roses and cream soda. "It was like we were two puzzle pieces fitting together," Bulla said, his eyes growing moist.

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Going green...

Gardening on Redstone offers outdoor fun, food and fitness

By Sandy Riebeling

When you think about it, what doesn't a garden give you? There's exercise out in the fresh air, tending vegetables, herbs and flowers. There's stress relief by digging in the soil and pulling weeds. There's the joy of nurturing seeds and watching them grow. There's the satisfaction of making something from nothing. And, then, of course, there's the food.

Redstone Arsenal offers active military and retirees a choice of nearly 80 garden plots separated into two large areas, one in the housing area off Vincent and the other behind the guest house on Ripley Drive.

"Garden spots are given on a first come first serve basis, as space is available," said MSgt. Aaron Jones, NCOIC in the Housing Management Division. "Users have the choice of reserving the same spot they're using this year for next year if they get the request in by March 4. There are still some

lots available."

"This is my third year with a garden out here," Army retiree Estwill Lee said, "I'm having a lot of fun. It would be nice if more people would come out and use the land. The more people the better."

Fellow gardener, Karen Laska, wife of Army retiree Jim Laska, takes frequent breaks under the shade of the tall pines when she spends a morning working in her garden.

"This is the first year for me but my husband had a garden out here last year," said Laska. "We love to garden but probably the best part is eating all the fresh vegetables." Laska grows a variety of vegetables including tomatoes, squash, peppers, cucumbers, green beans and snow peas. Her husband also tends a large flower garden. The brightly blooming Zinnias can be seen through the trees on Vincent Drive.

For information on availability of garden lots, call Jones at 876-1445.



Photo by Sandy Riebeling

GROWING A GARDEN— This is the third year Army retiree, Lee, and his wife, Yong, have planted a garden on the Arsenal.

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"We make our way into King of Prussia, to a row of houses that looked like they came out of the old TV show, 'All in the Family.' Ramona leads the way.

"The house was very quiet. Not a sound. No other person was seen. Ramona instructs, 'Loren, wait here. I will go up and get her,' and climbs the stairs.

"For about five minutes — what seemed like a lifetime — I waited. I could hear a muffled sound of conversation in a room upstairs somewhere. Then, the sound of the conversation stopped - and my heart began to beat again.

"She then put her hand on my cheek, stroked it, and softly whispered, 'my son.' For the first time in my life, I wasn't conflicted about whom to call mom... It tied up 30 years of loose ends for me."

"I hear movement, and my eyes went to the top of the stairs. I spotted a slender woman. She got halfway down the stairs and she just stopped. She looked at me. I looked at her. Not a word was exchanged between us.

"After a few seconds, suddenly and unexpectedly, she tore down the rest of the stairs and threw her arms around me. We fell into a mother and son embrace. It was one of the warmest moments I've ever had.

"She then put her hand on my cheek, stroked it, and softly whispered, 'my son.' For the first time in my life, I wasn't conflicted about whom to call mom, and the word 'mom' came out of my mouth easily. It tied up 30 years of loose ends for me."

The pair spent the next few days together, and Bulla learned more about his past. At this time, Bulla was told that an agreement was struck between his natural mother and adoptive father that Bulla would be encouraged to look for his real mother later in life.

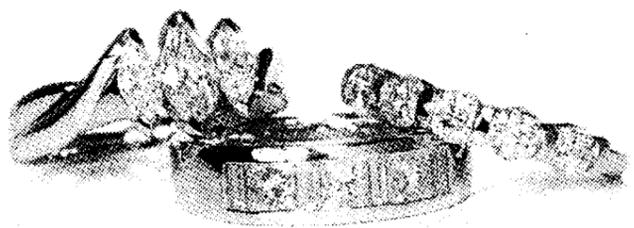
After his assignment in Germany, Bulla was stationed in Fort Monmouth, New Jersey, "just a hop, skip, and a jump away" from his newfound family.

Bulla kept and keeps in touch, affectionately sending cards to his mother and signing them "Wolfgang."

His family reunions, which now include European relatives, continually keep Bulla, his mother, and their amazing story in the family spotlight.

And one more curious thing Bulla has learned from his new family. Sifting through old family photos one day, Bulla came across a black and white picture of his uncle as a young man holding Bulla, who was a toddler at the time. Bulla reports that the resemblance of his uncle as a young man to Bulla's son at his current age is "uncanny and eerie."

It only goes to prove, as the old saying goes, "that the apple doesn't fall far from the tree," and Loren Charles "Chuck" Bulla, formally known as Wolfgang Richard Frank, is now comfortable in his knowledge of the roots of that tree.



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Why go there?

MADD panel asks soldiers to think before they drink

By Sandy Riebeling

Four women came to the post theater June 4 to share their heart-wrenching stories of tragedy, survival and hope. The audience of some 250 Initial Entry Training soldiers sat reverently, respectfully, listening to the tale, hearing the message and opening their minds to the possibility of living life without the use of alcohol.

Beer commercials advertise their product then whisper, "drink responsibly." The Brigade Unit Ministry Team wants the soldiers to consider another choice— alcohol abstinence.

"The idea for the program, "Why Go There?" was to present to the IET soldiers— who are for the most part under 21 and not old enough to legally purchase beverage alcohol— that abstinence from alcohol should be an option to be considered when it comes time to make a decision on whether or not to drink," Chaplain (Maj.) Dan Payne, 59th Ordnance Brigade chaplain, said. "We've been organizing the program for the last year. It was important to have entertaining and educational activities for the soldiers."

The two day event started the evening of June 4 when a panel of four women from Mothers Against Drunk Driving took the stage. Each one had a story to tell— a true story of the way alcohol had impacted their lives.

Minnie Aldrich invited the soldiers into her life, sharing the night of her daughter's prom. How her daughter had chosen to double date and how excited the teens were. It was supposed to be a magical night. It was supposed to be the beginning of many magical nights— it was, however,

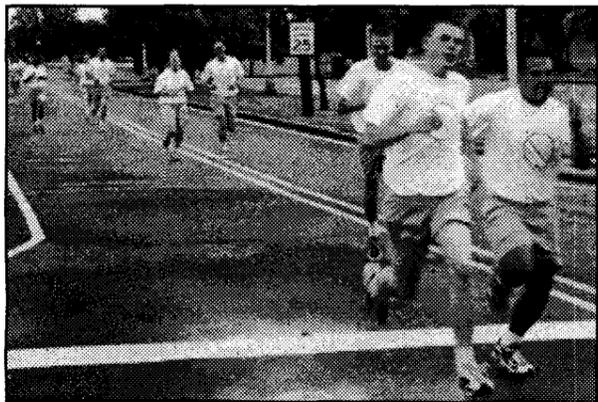


Photo by Lane Stockeland

PHOTO FINISH— Soldiers were up at 7 a.m. to participate in the Why Go There? Fun Run.

the night that ended her life. A drunk driver hit the car her daughter was riding in and killed her and one of the boys in the car.

Helen Nesbit continued the story, but from a different angle, as the mother of a drunk driver, convicted of killing two teenagers in a car accident. He is in prison for the death of Mrs. Aldrich's daughter.

"Imagine the impact this story had on 250 soldiers, hearing it from two grieving mothers that were able to sit side-by-side and work on the same team. It was incredible," Chaplain (Capt.) Lane Stockeland, 832nd Ordnance Battalion chaplain, who worked on the program with Payne, said.

Glenda Richardson told the group how she, her husband and two sons were on vacation when their automobile was hit by a drunk driver. Her husband and both sons were killed. And in the other automobile? The drunk driver and passenger were soldiers home from Vietnam, out celebrating their return.

The story of Bernice Rush also involved soldiers. While in the service, her husband had made several good friends. They decided to have a reunion party after they were all discharged. He went to the party, drank alcohol, had a great time; got in the car to drive home and hit a bridge, killing himself, leaving his wife and two-year-old son to fend for themselves.

"That was the message these young people heard that night," Payne said. "I don't know what the results of this will be but the seed has been planted— that alcohol abstinence is a valid choice."

After the women on the Impact Panel finished their stories, they joined the soldiers in the parking lot for pizza and small talk.

"The soldiers mingled with them, asking them questions," Payne said. "I looked over and saw a soldier weeping. He was talking to the mother of the girl that was killed. He was sharing with her that although he didn't know her daughter, he was from Madison County and was friends with the boy that had been killed in that accident. He hugged the woman who'd lost her daughter as they talked about the experience."

Before the soldiers broke for the evening, they were given a booklet from the Alcohol and Drug Abuse Prevention Control Program, a T-shirt to wear in the Why Go There? Fun Run the next morning and a proclamation, reminding soldiers of the dangers of alcohol, with a place to sign on the bottom, proclaiming the life choice they would make.



Photo by Lane Stockeland

ROUTE RAP—Working out the race details, from left, are Senior Drill Sgt. Allen Hayes, Charlie Company; 2nd. Lt. David Suggs, Bravo Company executive officer; and Drill Sgt. Kenneth Ticknell, Charlie Company.

"We didn't ask for the proclamations back," Payne said. "We wanted the soldiers to keep them, hang them up somewhere as a reminder of what alcohol can do."

The next morning Stockeland addressed the soldiers, reminding them of the message they heard, before the two-mile Fun Run started.

Participants in the Fun Run competed for cash prizes in the top three slots for both men and women. Other prizes were awarded during a drawing after the race.

"We had tremendous community support with some great prizes donated," Payne said. Prize sponsors included Anthony's (pizza), Domino's Pizza, Officers and Civilian Womens Club, A&W Restaurant, Wal-Mart, David Gibson's Barbecue, Redstone Arsenal Club, Redstone Golf Course and McDonald's.

"It was a lot of fun for the soldiers and I think it made a difference. But none of it would have happened without the hard work of Brigade Chaplain's Assistant Sgt. Fred Traylor and Battalion Chaplain's Assistant Pvt. Kendra Ford," said Payne. "They have been busy since February pulling this thing together and got real busy the last two weeks. It's a lot of work but we feel it was a worthy event."

Funding for the program came from the Office of the Chief of Chaplains. Payne and Stockeland would like to present additional programs as new soldiers cycle through but funding will not be available from the same source.

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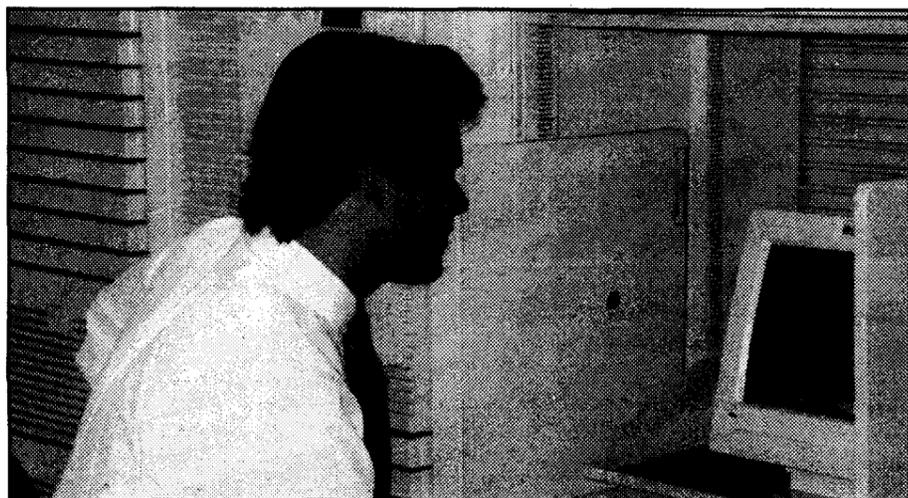


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HAPPY NEW YEAR— During the first few hours of the new millennium, Bolton plans to be observing computers such as this one to assure they are Y2K compliant.

By June Johns

Ashley Bolton knows exactly what he'll be doing when the clock strikes midnight on New Year's Eve, ushering in a new millennium. While much of the rest of the world will be welcoming in a new century with party hats and noisemakers, Bolton will be in the basement of building 5301 at the Sparkman Center. He'll be watching the 100-plus computers located on this part of the Arsenal to assure that they are running smoothly and are Y2K compliant. Hopefully it will be a boring night for him.

Ashley Bolton is the Y2K project leader for the Corporate Information Center at Redstone Arsenal. Bolton has been working with Y2K compliance for the last 2-1/2 years, becoming a project leader in June of 1997. Bolton works as the technical liaison for business information systems on the Arsenal.

Bolton looked back and remembered that when he first started in this capacity, people didn't take Y2K compliance very seriously. That soon changed. Interest and concern began to intensify over the last year, peaking the previous summer, as RSA workers began listening to media and governmental admonitions. After all, the Y2K compliance work being done on Redstone Arsenal affects over 8,000 users and 19,000 personal computers.

While cautious, Bolton stated that "we have done what we've needed to and been required to do, and if we have any interruptions (in service), I believe they'll be minimal." He qualified that Redstone Arsenal is also dependent on other groups and agencies, such as Huntsville Utilities and TVA, doing their part.

Bolton's Y2K work won't stop with the coming of the new year. He anticipates there will be months of tying up loose ends well into the year 2000, perhaps beyond. Example: if someone has a system that runs once a year, say in August, it won't be until eight months into the year 2000 that they can determine if the system is running well. "It will really be a year-long watchdog effort," Bolton said.

One thing that Bolton said has amazed him through the years-long Y2K conversion process "has been the private sector's ability to jump on any bandwagon and make some money." Bolton noted that some Y2K compliance tools manufactured by these companies have been helpful, and then there were others that were....well, you get the picture.

Bolton works closely with Redstone Arsenal's Y2K Project Manager Glenn Smith, who oversees the efforts of and compiles information about AMCOM centers, directorates and offices, assuring they are complying individually and together.

In addition, Bolton credits the chief of staff, Colonel Clifton Broderick, with keeping the Y2K awareness level up at Redstone Arsenal, and with motivating the team workers responsible for compliance.

He also gave high marks to Mike Ivey, the AMCOM corporate information officer, with raising awareness within the information technology community.

Bolton had praise for the programmers and technicals, the Y2K worker bees, as well as the unsung heroes and heroines of the effort.

He also recognized the huge efforts contributed by Maxine Doherty, director of information systems for the Information Systems Directorate, as well as her staff.

FITNESS

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With this revision in policy, the following are authorized to use all fitness center facilities:

- active duty, reservists, and retired military personnel and their immediate families
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- cadets of military and Coast Guard academies
- Medal of Honor recipients
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Fitness facilities available at Redstone Arsenal are Pagano Gym, Redstone Arsenal Fitness Center, Sparkman Fitness Center, and the Wellness Center. It was noted that the following requirements will be enforced at all these facilities:

- Proper identification must be shown to gain entry to these facilities.
- Individuals must participate in a familiarization class before using equipment in the facilities.
- Sponsor must be present with dependent during the initial equipment orientation, for identification purposes.
- Those desiring to use the Wellness Center must first go through a health screening process.

The following fitness equipment and programs are available at the centers noted below:

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Prior to 1992, Pagano Gym was the only fitness center available on Redstone Arsenal, Compoc noted. In 1992, the Wellness Center opened, followed by the Sparkman Center in 1994. The Redstone Fitness Center opened its doors for the first time in late 1997.

To obtain details on eligibility, equipment familiarization classes, and program information, please contact the individual facilities at the following locations and/or numbers:

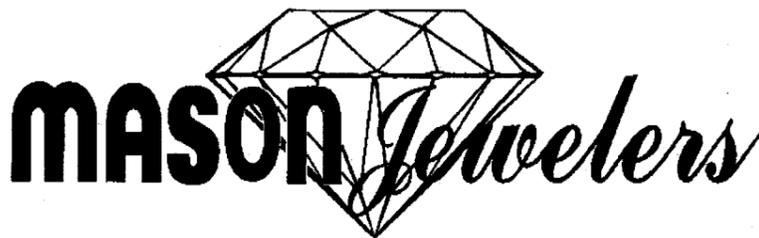
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Playing in the pool is just one of many activities regularly scheduled for the children. Other weekly events include bowling, movies and skating. The staff even takes them on all day outings to places like Chattanooga to get a look at the aquarium and Birmingham to the zoo.



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AAHHHH— Kyle Harmon, 6, knows how to beat the heat.



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JUST BETWEEN FRIENDS— Alexis Clarke, left, and Lyndsey Morgan share secrets and splashing on a hot summer day.



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SLIP SLIDING AWAY— Five-year-old Jessica Campbell loves the water slide.

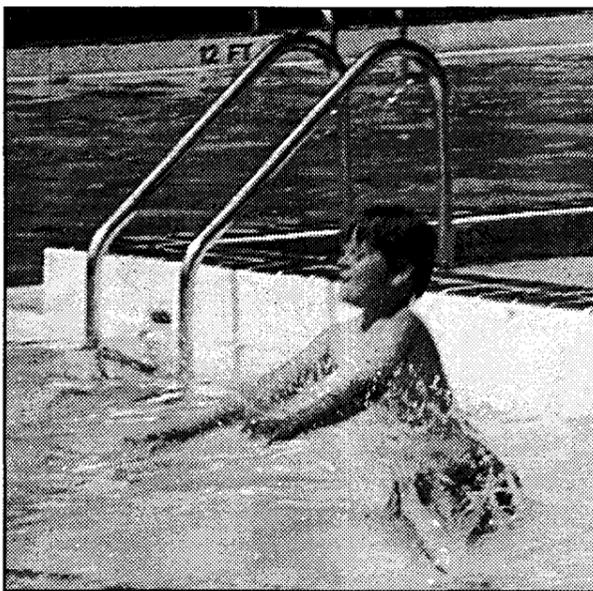


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TAKING THE PLUNGE— Christopher Smith can't wait to get wet.

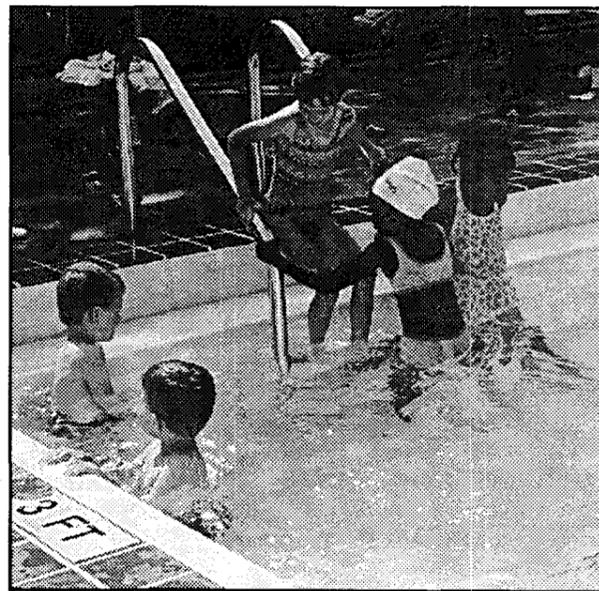


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• **Take a kid fishing**— The "Take a Kid Fishing" program sponsored as a joint effort between Community and Family Activities' Outdoor Recreation Branch and the Post Exchange, is a fishing contest for youth who are authorized patrons of the PX through the age of 18. The contest will commence at the Col. Carroll D. Hudson Recreation Area on Saturday 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.

• **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. Call Outdoor Recreation for more information 876-4868.

• **Wellness Center**— Thursday, 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, 1999 in building 5301, room 1148 from 11-noon. Registration is required to attend this class. Call (955-6844) or e-mail us at 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 we have to offer you! Classes for June include: introduction to basket weaving, Saturday at 5:30 p.m.; oil painting, June 22 and 29 at 5:30 p.m.; stepping stone class, June 16,23,30 at 6 p.m.; acrylic painting,

June 16,23,30 at 5:30 p.m.; wood safety class, June 17 and 24 at 5:30 p.m.; tassel making, June 17 at 6 p.m.; and painted flower pots, June 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.

• **Recreation Center Ticket Office**— Discount tickets are available for purchase by the entire Redstone community for local and regional attractions, theme parks and sporting events. The Recreation Center Ticket Office is located in the Recreation Center, building 3711. Hours are Wednesday- Friday 1:30-8 p.m.; Saturday and Sunday 10 a.m.- 4 p.m. Stop by our office to get some great ideas for how to spend your summer! For more information call 876-4531. Regular tickets sold include: Disney World, Six Flags over Georgia, Dollywood, Dixie Stampede, Point Mallard, Gatorland, U.S. Space and Rocket Center and much more.

• **Redstone Golf Course**—The Redstone Golf Course will have the Senior Championship tournament June 26 & 27. It is open to all authorized users 55 years of age or older. Advance registration is required. The cost is \$35.00. For more information, call 883-7977. Our newly renovated Hillside course has officially opened! So if you are active duty, DoD civilian, NASA employee or a government

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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.

• **Soldatenstube**—Need a place for a summer party? Check out the Soldatenstube's new patio sun room. With seating available for up to 40 people, it is sure to be perfect for your summer get together. Why not come visit us for dinner on Thursday, Friday or Saturday evening for the best authentic German cuisine in town! Reservations are required. Call 830-9227 for reservations or for party bookings.

• **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.

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Up, Up and Away -

Redstone flight instructor becomes master of his aircraft

By June Johns

Ah, the things you can encounter when you take off into the wild blue wonder.

Robin Lindstrom, a flight instructor at Redstone Flying Activity who recently received his Master Flight Instruction Designation, can tell a tale or two.

One of his funnier stories involves wild turkeys and a student pilot practicing for a solo flight.

Around sunset one evening, Lindstrom was instructing a student pilot on landings and take-offs, preparing him for his first solo flight. Every time the pair would touch down in the two-seat Cessna airplane, a flock of wild turkeys would furiously dash toward the runway. When the plane took off, the turkeys would hasten a quick retreat. This happened again and again, as the tiny aircraft repeated take-off and landing procedures. Down came the plane. Out came the turkeys. Off went the plane. Away went the turkeys.

When Lindstrom felt the student pilot was ready to solo,

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— Charles A. Lindbergh

he stepped out of the plane and took this opportunity to try and solve the wild turkey mystery. What Lindstrom concluded was that the squawking of the plane's wheels each time the aircraft landed replicated the wild turkeys' mating call — and so, out came the turkeys looking for a little romance. The sound of the airplane taking off scared the romantic birds and quelled their ardor each time.

Robin Lindstrom dreamed of flying since the time that he was a boy visiting his uncle, who lived adjacent to an airfield in Lancing, Illinois. He earned his pilot's license in 1972 at 17, the minimum legal age. Less than one year later, Lindstrom found himself flying a two-seat aircraft down to Kennedy Space Center, Florida to watch the launch of Skylab.

During his years of taking to the skies, Lindstrom has flown planes varying in size from a two-person training airplane such as the Cessna 152 to a 24-seat aircraft.

Most of the time Lindstrom has spent flying, however, has been as a part-time teacher, an avocation he has pursued for almost 13 years. During this time, Lindstrom reported, he has trained everyone "from a high school student to a rocket scientist." Lindstrom stated that flying is "a thinking person's activity," noting that highly motivated people pursue this confidence-building activity.

And what keeps Lindstrom airborne? "Everybody seeks virtual reality. I do it (through flying)," he explained.

During the time Lindstrom has been a flight instructor at

Redstone Flying Activity, located on Hale Road on Redstone Arsenal, he has received the Gold Seal Flight Instructor Certificate, awarded by the Federal Aviation Administration. This designation is presented to flight instructors who have at least 10 students successfully complete their flying course.

Another prestigious milestone Lindstrom recently achieved was the Master Flight Instruction Designation (Master CFI). He was one of the first pilots to achieve this prestigious designation.

This newly developed program recognizes and encourages flight instructors' professional development and continuous involvement in the aviation community.

An applicant for Master CFI designation submits a portfolio of professional development, along with the appropriate documentation, to a national review panel.

The portfolio must contain activities in four designated categories, which include education, service and participation. During the evaluation process, continuing education units (CEUs) are awarded for each activity. When the applicant earns a total of 32 CEUs in the proper categories during a 24-month period, the Master CFI designation is then awarded.

The Master CFI Designation is available to any member in good standing of the National Association of Flight Instructors (NAFI), who holds a current FAA Flight Instructor Certificate, FAA Ground Instructor Certificate, or any industry-issued flight instructor certification. Because this is a continuing education program, an instructor may participate in the program at any time during his or her FAA twenty-four calendar month re-certification period.

Robin Lindstrom is not alone in his high level of flying instruction expertise.

All flight instructors at Redstone Flying Activity are

commercial pilots, Lindstrom said, adding, "there is probably no greater concentration of flight experience — at least in Alabama — than there is at Redstone Flying Activity."

Lindstrom is also an instructor at Madison County Executive Airport, flies for Rocket Aviation, and teaches flight ground school in conjunction with the University of Alabama in Huntsville.

While Lindstrom is upbeat in most areas related to flying, one thing concerns him — the number of pilots. "Currently, there are 616,000 licensed pilots in the U.S., that's down from approximately one million" in the early 1970s, Lindstrom said. He is particularly curious about the shortage of military personnel taking flying lessons. "Just because you're a rated military aviator doesn't mean you can fly all sorts of vehicles," Lindstrom noted.

Attempting to battle the image of flying as an expensive hobby, Lindstrom continued, "you can get your private pilot's license for about \$3500."

When he's not busy taking to the friendly skies, Lindstrom works as a senior engineer and project leader for SPARTA, an employee-owned engineering services company located in Huntsville.

Lindstrom retired as an Army major in 1998, having served in the military for 20 years. During his military career, Lindstrom was a commissioned officer in Field Artillery, serving in various command and staff positions in Field Artillery line and headquarters units from battery through battalion to corps-level.

Robin Lindstrom served overseas in the Republic of Korea, as well as in the Persian Gulf area during Operation Desert Shield/Storm. He has received numerous medals and commendations including the Bronze Star and the Meritorious Service Medal.



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FLIGHTS OF FANCY— Lindstrom prepares to take to the skies at Redstone Flying Activity.

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Hundreds take to the skies at Flying Activity Open House

By Sandy Riebeling

Mingling among the crowd gathered at the Redstone Arsenal Flying Activity for the open house June 4, there were wannabe pilots, first-time air passengers and lots of "couldn't pass up a \$20 flight over the city," customers waiting for their turn to fly the friendly skies.

The Activity opened at 9 a.m. to prepare for the hectic schedule of the day. Ten pilots rotated mini-flying lessons and tours of the city using eight of the Activity's planes, from a Cessna 150 to the largest plane flying that day, a Cessna 172.

Airplanes took off and landed every few minutes as more than 100 flights were completed by 2 p.m. and still a crowd waited.

"I've been interested in getting my pilot's license for a long time," Ray Patrick, supervisor at the Ordnance Missile and Munitions Center and School, said. "I've never been up in one of these small planes. If I like it, I think I'm going to take lessons. It's now or never, I guess."

Members of the flight activity, along with volunteers from the Civil Air Patrol, a service organization co-located with the Flying Activity, helped to keep the planes moving throughout the day.

"It was a successful day," Tracey Murray, advertising specialist for Morale, Welfare and Recreation said. "We signed up at least 10 new members and everyone seemed to enjoy their day."



Photo by Sandy Riebeling
PREFLIGHT INSTRUCTION— Chad Chesser, full-time flight instructor with the Flying Activity, talks with Sarah Fluhler, 14, about her previous flight experience and her dreams of becoming a pilot.



Photo by Scott Murray
PILOT TO CO-PILOT— Murray credits her flight instructor Vern Stork for keeping her cool and calm during her first small engine plane flight.



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PLANE PREP— Volunteers from the Civil Air Patrol moved the planes around on the runway, helped with the fueling and kept things running smooth at the open house.

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Going global...

Cross cultural communication key to business success

By Rif Ajjuri

To gain a better understanding of cultural communication, knowledge of the history, geography and culture of our counterparts is essential.

Cultural communication involves people from more than one culture. Although by and large we think of the United States as one culture, a great deal of cultural diversity exists.

For example, more than 30 percent of the residents of New York City are foreign born; Miami, Fla. is two-thirds Latin American, and San Francisco is one-third Asian. In fact, African-Americans, Asians and Latin-Americans comprise 22 percent of the U.S. population.

The United States continues to welcome a large number of immigrants each year and often is referred to as a melting pot society.

Since all business activities involve communication, a knowledge of cultural communication is important to prepare oneself to compete successfully in the international environment.

In fact, upward mobility and promotion in tomorrow's corporate world may depend on knowledge of cultural business communication.

Through enculturation, people learn what is and is not proper social behavior. If one is to communicate successfully in a multi-cultural environment, he must learn that different is simply different, not better or worse and actions of foreign people are correct.

Although the Arab states play an important role in regard to the United States' interest in the Middle East, they are probably the most misunderstood allies with culture radically different from our own. However, many people do not make a distinction between the Arab states and the Muslim countries.

The Arabs live in a part of the region known as the Middle East, in an area extending from Morocco to Egypt and Sudan in North Africa; and from Syria and Iraq in western Asia to Yemen and Oman in the Arabian Peninsula.

There are 22 separate Arab countries. All the Arab states are Muslim states, but not all Muslim states are Arab states— Turkey, Pakistan, Iran, Indonesia, etc.

Religion is the foundation in which many of the values, attitudes, beliefs, and moral norms of societies have been built.

Almost one-fourth of the world's population— 1.2 billion in some 60 countries— is Muslims. Two hundred million of them live in the Arab countries.

Religion

Muslims or Moslems are the people who abide by the Islamic religion. The one billion followers make this the youngest monotheistic religion and the second largest after Christianity. Islam means "to submit" in Arabic, and Allah is the Arabic name for God.

Islam is not just a religion; rather, Islam is a way of life. It is based on the Koran, the Muslims holy book, which is believed to be the divine revelations of the sixth century prophet Mohammed.

In all Muslim countries, Islam is the official religion. Muslims observe the ritual of stopping work five times a day to pray. Meetings with persons in Middle East should be sufficiently flexible to allow for this daily ritual, which is a way of life for Muslims.

Conducting business during the month of Ramadan would not be recommended, as Muslims are required to fast from dawn to sunset.

People in diverse cultures hold different attitudes toward women, ethical standards and work. Understanding these differences in cultural values is essential not only when communicating with people from other-countries, but also when communicating with people in the workplace who come from different cultural backgrounds.

Punctuality

U.S. business people are described as being overly concerned with being on time for work and appointments. They study ways of working more efficiently.

Time is spoken of as something tangible. Being on time for work, business appointments and meetings is important in the Western World. In many parts of the world, time is flexible and not seen as a limited commodity. People arrive late at their appointments or may not come at all.

In Latin American countries, the "Manana" attitude is putting off until tomorrow what does not get done today. For the people of Middle East, life moves at a slower pace than in the Western nations. Social reciprocity is very important. "Bukra, Insha Allah" (tomorrow, if God wills it) is a source of frustration for time-sensitive U.S. executives when conducting business with people of other cultures.

However, people of other cultures should remember when dealing with persons from the U.S., they should keep all appointments, be punctual, treat females with the same respect given males and stand at least an arm's length away when conversing.

"Communications dominate war; ... they are the most important single element in strategy, political or military."

— Admiral A. T. Mahan

Since the U.S. workplace is becoming increasingly diverse culturally, managers need to be aware of the values of all workers so they will understand what motivates people of different cultures and how to deal effectively with problem situations.

In fact, the activity all managers share in addition to problem solving is communication. Indeed some experts believe communication is a manager's most important activity.

There are two major forms of communication: verbal and nonverbal. Verbal communication consists of either speech (oral communication) or writing. Nonverbal communication refers to non word messages, such as gesture, facial expression, silence, and eye contact.

We probably spend more time in oral communication (speaking and listening) than any



Photo by June Johns

CULTURAL DIFFERENCES — Ajjuri stresses the importance of understanding other cultures in order to improve business relations.

other activity except sleeping. Sorry to say, most people are inefficient listeners. The cost of poor listening to an organization is staggering. Listening is much more than just hearing. Effective listening involves interpretation, understanding and action. It requires hard work and self-discipline. Becoming a good listener takes patience, practice, and persistence.

Silence is a form of nonverbal communication that may be interpreted in a range of ways, depending upon the situation, the duration of silence and the culture. Interpretation of silence includes agreement, lack of interest or contempt.

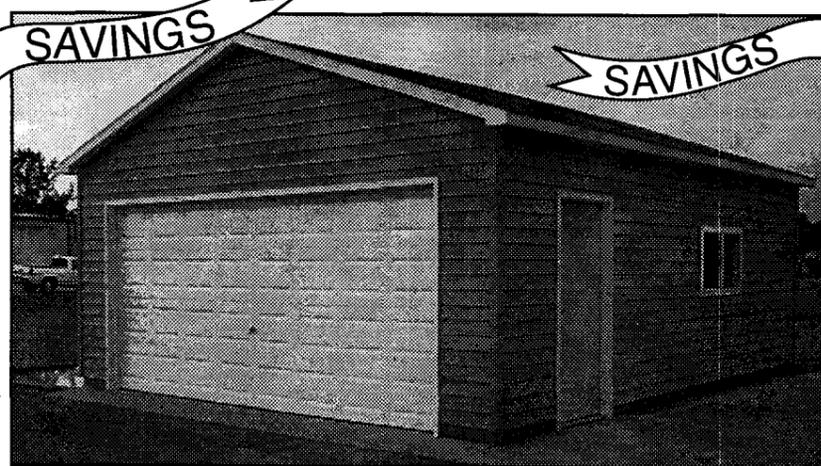
The Japanese are comfortable with silence and use it as a bargaining tool when negotiating with Americans. They know Americans are not comfortable with long periods of

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silence and the U.S. businessperson will offer a price concession just to get the discussion going again. We need to learn to remain silent when negotiating with the Japanese. They like periods of silence and do not like to be hurried.

Communication is especially pertinent as it relates to security assistance in general and foreign military sales in particular. Establishment of a good working relationship begins with a sharing of interest and ideas. Also, a sincere personal interest in the counterpart's cultural background can cement lasting interpersonal relationships. Our hosts and counterparts will be pleased to find we have taken the pain to learn their culture, and this fact will help our relationships.

While Foreign Military sales continue to grow, it continues to become more and more complex. It is a simple equation. The more countries, the more trading blocs, the more cultures that are involved, the more complicated things become.

This means doing business in Saudi Arabia is not as easy as doing business in New York. Much of the negotiation problems stem from cultural differences that lead to misunderstanding and mistrust across the conference table. The development of a relationship based on trust is important to good business negotiations.

The best way to avoid conflicts is to prepare, plan, and respect the culture of your counterpart. In order for negotiations to be successful, we must allow for both parties to gain something— win-win situation— though the parties probably will not gain equally.

Language

Language problems are compounded when conducting business with persons in non-English-speaking countries. Their limited vocabulary and comprehension of the English language coupled with ignorance of American accent are going to dismay them from the time of their arrival.

Words in the English language often have multiple meanings some of which are contradictory. The word sanction for example, may mean either to restrict a particular activity or to authorize it.

English in the U.S. is replete with slang, colloquialisms, acronyms and jargon from numerous areas. Slang— bottom line and back to square one are examples of business slang.

Colloquialisms are informal words or phrases. Examples, y'all (you all), pop (soda), isn't (is not). Acronyms: ram (Random Access Memory), FMS (Foreign Military Sales, CG (Commanding General).

Other examples are taboo words such as to pass away (to die) and senior citizens (old people). Jargon is another problem— on the ball (on top of things), oiled (become suddenly wealthy).

When sending communication, be as open with the other person as possible; be direct and honest. Maintain eye contact and provide a positive communication environment. Select words carefully and keep the language simple. Use repetition and as many channels or media as necessary to get the message across. Be aware of the receiver's situation and avoid putting them on the defensive. Have empathy for them. Keep in mind that English may well be a second or third language for them and some English words do not translate with equal meaning.

Adjusting and adapting to a specific culture is one of the keys to success in foreign assignments.

Global managers are mentally sharp. They do their homework on the countries with which they are negotiating and become knowledgeable about their history, customs, values and beliefs.

One of the classic examples is Kevin Griesemer, chief of a Combat Support Division. In 1992, Griesemer accepted an assignment in an Apache Field Office in the United Arab Emirates (UAE). Before his departure to Abu Dhabi (the capital of UAE), Griesemer did his homework on the Middle East culture and on the history of the UAE. Within a year he became the chief of the Apache Field Office.

Women

Cultural differences also exist concerning the status of women in the work place. Although the Arabs are becoming more used to women executives from the United States,

women doing business with the Arabs should understand the difference in cultural attitude and should make a special effort to conduct themselves appropriately. Women are advised to dress with modesty when traveling to the Middle East countries.

Saudi authority denies entry to single women. A single woman traveling to Saudi Arabia should be so advised to avoid arrest by decency patrols (Mutawa). She should wear long sleeved blouses and below-the-knee length skirts in plain, blue or beige. Shorts, halter-tops and other revealing apparel should not be worn in public.

Touching

Touching and the avoidance of touching plays an important roles in communication. A handshake, a tender touch on the arm or body, or an embrace, conveys messages.

In touch-oriented cultures, such as the Middle East, Latin America, Italy, Greece, etc., males may be seen walking along the street holding hands or arm-in-arm. In these cultures, touching between men is considered quite acceptable. In other cultures as the U.S., touching between men may be construed as an indication of homosexuality.

Except in certain Asian cultures where people touch less than we do, most people on the globe touch a great deal more. But between people of the same sex, there is apt to be a great deal of hugging, hand-holding, kissing in greeting and parting than we are accustomed to in the U.S. It is a sign of friendship and has no sexual content.

Since touching may be interpreted as a form of sexual harassment, refraining from touching in business situations is necessary. American women overseas might be wiser to be more formal at first to avoid sending the wrong signal.

Arabs shake hands every time they meet a person and every time they leave the person. Nonverbal taboos include exposing the sole of one's shoe and using the left hand to eat. The left hand is considered unclean and is reserved for personal hygiene.

Arabs stand and sit closer and touch people of the same sex more than Westerners.

Food

If you invite someone for a meal, religion must be considered. Muslims do not consume pork or pork products or any animal that is a scavenger, They do not drink alcohol. Orthodox Jews eat neither pork nor shellfish. Muslims and Jews also observe ritually-slaughtered cattle so that it is "kosher."

Holidays and holy days

An awareness of the holidays and holy days of other cultures is important so telephone calls and business trips can be scheduled around them. Holy days are associated with religion observances (Eid, Christmas, and Yom Kippur).The Sabbath in Israel is observed on Saturday, while the Muslims observe the Sabbath on Friday.

Arriving in a country and knowing nothing about it is an automatic insult to the people of that nation.

My best advice is to read at least the local newspapers (the English version). When you meet with a counterpart, talk about sports, weather, or whatever is the news of the day. Doing this shows the customer we are interested in the things he is interested in and he will want to do the same.

Keep in mind respect to their culture. You are the guest in their country and you must respect the host's rules.

Understanding these differences and why they are important can be the key to success in any business. A sensitive American makes hundreds of friends and does an incredible effective public relations job for the United States. Our entire nation can become "ugly Americans" in foreign eyes, all because of the action of one or of a very few.

(Editor's note: Rif Ajjuri is a program manager in the Apache New Business Branch, SAMD. He has served in the U.S. Air Force and worked extensively with foreign industry and governments.)

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Kids' fishing

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SMA golf

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

Miscellaneous

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.

Adopt a Cat Month

Each spring, thousands of animal shelters across the country end up with homeless kittens due to normal breeding patterns of cats. The Greater Huntsville Humane Society is no exception. To draw attention to this, the Humane Society is joining with shelters all across the United States in proclaiming the month of June as Adopt a Shelter Cat Month. Whether potential adopters are looking for a kitten or an adult cat, they are likely to find the perfect companion at a shelter. The Greater Huntsville Humane Society is located at 2812 Johnson Road in Huntsville. Their phone number is 881-8081. The operating hours of this shelter are Tuesday - Saturday from 11 a.m. - 4 p.m.

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.

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

832nd's commander

The 832nd Ordnance Battalion will have a change of command ceremony at 8:30 a.m. today 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 today through Friday 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.

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.

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 for manager position is June 25 and for assistant manager is Friday. Interviews will be June 28. For more information call Sheila Torongeau, Thrift Shop

manager, 881-6992.

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.

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 at 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.

Self-help center

The Self-Help Center, building 3500, will be closed on July 3.

Blood program

Here's the Red Cross blood schedule for the rest of this month: Friday—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.

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.

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. There will be a Latin mass on June 26.

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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Women's conference

The Women of Excellence Fellowship International will host its first Citywide Women of Excellence Conference Friday and Saturday in the South Hall of the Von Braun Center. The conference, which is scheduled to last from 8 a.m. until 9 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 of 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. Classes 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.

Cave-a-thon

The Land Trust of Huntsville and North Alabama has released their summer tour schedule as follows: June 16 at 9 a.m. with guide Bill Varndoe; 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 and 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 innova-

tive 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.

IAAP meeting

International Association of Administrative Professionals, Redstone Arsenal chapter, will meet June 22 at 11 a.m. at the Redstone Arsenal Club in Room 3. For more information on IAAP, contact Jackie Kenner, 876-8131, membership chairperson.

Rocket survey

In the next two weeks, the Public Affairs Office will conduct a readership survey of the Redstone Rocket. This will be your chance to give your opinions about the "Redstone Rocket" newspaper. Use this opportunity to tell us what you like the most, the least, and what you would change. Tell us how we can do a better job keeping you informed. We will ask you to take a few minutes to complete the survey, which will be posted on the Intranet's WEB Redstone Arsenal's homepage under the "What's New" section. Survey results will be compiled and reported in an upcoming issue of the Redstone Rocket and on the WEB. If you have any questions, please call Margaret Banish-Donaldson at 256-842-0558.

Junior Achievement

Team Redstone volunteers are needed to give practical lessons in business and economics at the following schools: elementary—Discovery, Hazel Green, McDonnell, University Place, West Huntsville and Terry Heights; middle—Arab, Challenger, Chapman, Davis Hills, Discovery, Ed White, Harvest, Hazel Green, Huntsville, Madison Cross Roads, Owens Cross Roads, Liberty, Riverton, Stone, Westlawn and Whitesburg. Volunteers will teach just one hour per week for six to eight weeks starting in August. To sign up or for more information, call Jack Padley, Civilian Welfare Fund Council representative, at 842-8196 or e-mail him at padleyjw@redstone.army.mil.

Parenting classes

The New Parent Support Program is offering free parenting classes starting June 28. The classes will be held at the NPSP "Playhouse" at 1220-B LaCrosse Drive and will run for six weeks. Free child care will be provided. To register or for more information, call Linda Greene at 876-2798.

Nurse training

The American Red Cross is offering Nurse Assistant Training at their Huntsville facility. The 80 hour course will start June 24 and end Sept. 9, meeting every Tuesday and Thursday from 5:30-9:30 p.m. Upon successful completion, participants are eligible to take the state board exam for Certified Nurse Assistants. For more information call, 536-0084, ext. 325.

Transition Assistance

The Military Personnel Office, in conjunction with the Alabama Employment Services Office, will hold a Transition Assistance Program Workshop June 22-24 from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., both days, for transitioning military personnel and their authorized family members. The workshop will address resume preparation, employment orientation, and those actions you must take prior to separation or retirement from military service. There will be presentations from Tricare, Dental Service Center, Army Education Center, Defense Finance and Accounting Service, Army Transportation Office, Transition Point, Survivor Benefits program and the Office of Personnel Management. Local representatives from the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs and the Alabama Department of Veterans Affairs will present briefings on VA disability and other subjects. It is mandatory that all military personnel separating from military service within the next 180 days attend this presentation unless they have attended a previous TAP workshop. Prior scheduling is required; securing a seat in the TAP workshop 30 to 60 days in advance is highly recommended. Coffee and donuts will be served, compliments of the Sergeants Major Association. For more information call 842-2721.

Science Fiction

Could Scotty actually beam you up one day? Is warp speed a warped idea? Find the answers at Von Braun Astronomical Society presentation Saturday at 7:30 p.m. when astrophysicist, Dr. Rob Preece, will be looking through the lens of science at the ideas that make science fiction so fascinating.

Genealogical society

The Huntsville Genealogical Computing Society will hold its monthly meeting at 7 p.m., June 21, in the auditorium of the Huntsville-Madison County Main Library. Visitors are encouraged to attend and always welcome. The program, "How Do You Know What Really Happened: Using Diaries and Letters in Your Research," will be given by Annewhite Fuller. Call Bob Pace at 881-6670 for more information.

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SOLE event

The International Society of Logistics will have the June lunch meeting tomorrow in the Sparkman Center cafeteria, at 11:30, in conjunction with the 12th Government/Industry Supportability Engineering Exchange Symposium. Dr. William Baylis will discuss basic concepts of virtual reality. For more information call Jim Sharp at 534-2274 or Peggy Schmoll at 955-2721.

Logistics course

The Tennessee Valley Chapter of the International Society of Logistics (SOLE) is offering a fifty-hour course in Logistics, beginning July 14 and running through November 3. The course is available to all members of the North Alabama logistics community. The presented material will cover all aspects of logistics throughout the system life cycle, and will be conducted Wednesday evenings from 5pm to 8pm.

Course instructors are all practicing, experienced Certified Professional Logisticians (CPLs) from industry and government. The price of the training course is \$40, plus the cost of textbooks. (Textbooks are essential for those students planning to take the CPL exam.)

The course also helps prepare for the Certified Professional Logistician (CPL) examination. (The next CPL exam is November 6.) For those who wish to sit for the CPL, the course is intended to be supplemental to a CPL-mentored and intensive self-study program. The CPL exam is of Masters Degree difficulty, and the CPL designation is often ranked as the equivalent of a Masters Degree for logistics managers and practitioners.

Logisticians desiring the CPL certification must meet the eligibility criteria outlined at the SOLE website: www.sole.org. To sign up for the course, contact Mike Osborne at 313-1878 or E-mail: osborne-mj@fhssmpt.redstone.army.mil.

Casual luncheon symposiums

The Huntsville-Madison County Chapter of Blacks in Government announced the kick-off of its summer series of "Casual Luncheon Symposiums." These symposiums are designed for the purpose of having lunch in a relaxed atmosphere while listening to and talking about a host of subjects with a variety of speakers. The symposiums will be held in the Sparkman Center Complex building 5309, room 9128. These sessions will start promptly at 11:20 a.m., so attendees are advised to arrive around 11 a.m., in order to beat the crowd in the buffet line. These symposiums are open to all government employees and begin on June 15, with a presentation by Linda S. Frank of the American Express Financial Advisors Group. She will make a 30 - 40 minute presentation on "Investing for the Future," using several investment tools, with an emphasis on the stock market and mutual funds. She will provide an overview of investing, the stock market, mutual funds, and methods of combining these tools and making them work for you while minimizing your risk. Subsequent scheduled symposiums for the month of June are:

- June 24, Larry Jones, President of NFFE, Subject: "Why this Union" *
- June 28, Jim Brothers, President of AFGE, Subject: "Why this Union" *

*With a soon to be held election, both unions will be vying to win exclusive representational rights for AMCOM employees. Come out to hear what they have to say.

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Commissary closure

The Redstone Arsenal Commissary will be closed on Sunday and Monday, July 4 - 5 in observance of Independence Day. It will re-open on Tuesday, July 6.

Responsible children

There will be a presentation on "How to Raise a Responsible Child," held at three different locations. This hands-on workshop for parents of children of all ages will provide parents with practical strategies for the development of responsibility. Strategies will focus on school and home behavior, as well as preparing children as adolescents for successful independent functioning. These presentation will be held as follows:

- Today: Madison County Library 6:30 - 8:00 p.m.
- June 24: Bailey Cove Branch Library 6:30 - 8:00 p.m.
- June 29: Huntsville Main Library 7:00 - 8:30 p.m.

Since seating is limited, parents must pre-register by calling 881-5959 (Skills for Success). There will be a \$10 registration fee for materials.

Small business fair

The NCMA Huntsville Chapter's 1999 Small Business Fair will be held June 23, from 7:30 a.m. until 4 p.m. at the UAH Student Activity Center. The fair will cover topics of interest for all small businesses that provide support to the Federal Government. The registration fee for NCMA and HASBAT members will be \$35; non-members will be charged \$40. A light lunch and refreshments will be served. For further information, or to register, please contact Kay Thompson by calling 971-7810 or by faxing her at 971-7861. She can also be reached at the following E-mail address: Kthompson@stg.srs.com

This fair will also provide large businesses looking for small business teammates with an opportunity to meet representatives of small business firms, as well as an opportunity to hear first-hand the topics that influence small business decisions. And government personnel can gain a small business perspective on many of the current issues in today's small business contracting environment by attending this information fair.

Training tomorrow's leaders...

Naval JROTC cadets gather at Redstone to practice and test skills

By Sandy Riebeling

This was the sixth year the Tennessee Valley Leadership Academy for Naval Junior Reserve Officers Training Corps was conducted at Redstone Arsenal. Nearly 100 cadets from Alabama, Georgia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, Indiana and Florida attended the week-long Academy June 5-12.

"Once they all arrived, the cadets were intermixed and divided into six platoons," Master Chief Ken Royston, from Pace High School in Florida, said. Royston stayed with Bravo company for the week, making sure the cadets gave it their all while attending the Academy.

Cadets slept in post quarters in building 3436; rose at 6 a.m. every morning and it was lights out by 9:30.

"They were required to eat good food in the Chow Hall," Royston said. "No desserts, no junk food, and only water or milk to drink. We're grateful to Hal Weatherman at the Chow Hall for the great food. He really took care of us."

The week was split between physical fitness, drills, rifle range, and classes on things such as ethics, leadership and followership.

"You can't be a leader until you learn to follow," Ken Hunter, senior chief of Hazel Green High School NJROTC, said. Hunter was the coordinator of the Academy this year. Hunter thanked the staff from Redstone that worked with him on the effort, including a special thanks to Dave Clark, Jim Plummer, Thomas McClure and Maj. Gen. Emmitt Gibson, commander, AMCOM and Redstone Arsenal, for all of the support given to him and for the program itself.

Royston said that intermixing the cadets from all the schools helped to teach them to followership by learning to follow orders and observing the different ways each school operates.

"The kids have a great time and they learn a lot," Royston said.

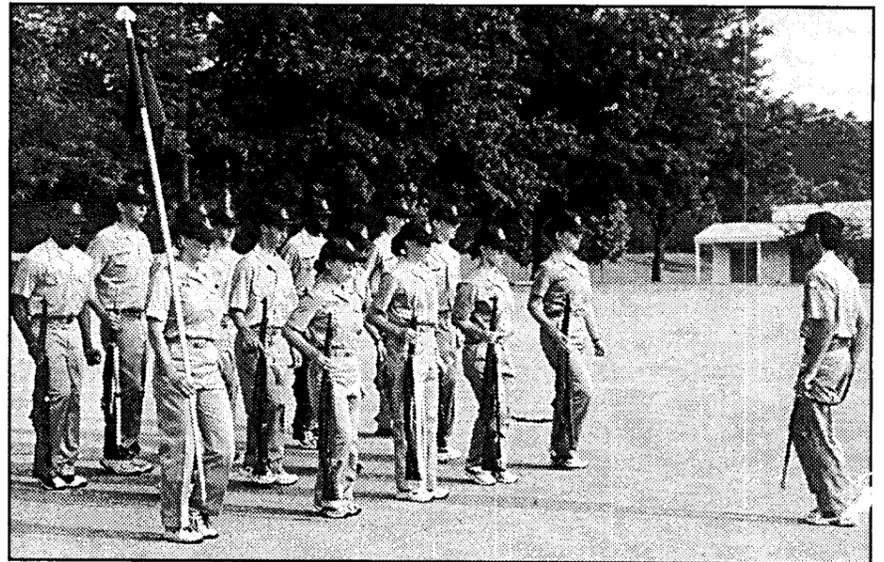


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LEFT, RIGHT, LEFT— Naval JROTC cadets from seven states converged on Redstone for a week of leadership training. Bravo platoon practices formation drills before a competition on Friday.

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'94 Mazda 626 LX. 4 Dr., green, 5 sp., air, stereo, 104K mi., exc. cond. \$6495 obo. 859-5163.

'94 Nissan Maxima GXE. White, loaded, new tires, exc. cond. \$6,500. 851-6111.

'93 GMC Sonoma. V6, 4.3 Club Cab. 5 sp. manual, 2WD, air, PW, PL, tilt, bedliner, loaded. 55K mi., well maintained. \$8,500. Super clean. (931) 433-1663.

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'90 Nissan Sentra. 4 sp., clean and well maintained, air, AM/FM cassette, 1 owner, \$3,500 obo. 721-1973 after 5 pm.

'89 Chevy Z-24 convertible. Rebuilt 2.8 V6, new brakes, exhaust, carpet, top, PS, PB, air, auto. 881-1030.

'86 Nissan 200 SX. 155K mi., auto., 2 dr. \$999 negotiable. 772-4113.

'83 280 ZX. 1 owner, exc. cond., gold, loaded. \$3,000 obo. 721-9247.

'80 GMC standard shift good work truck. Asking \$1,495 obo. 837-0891.

'67 Mustang Fastback. Partial restored. New 302 engine, rebuilt transmission, new front disc brakes, exc. interior and paint. Extra parts included. Price reduced. \$5,000 firm. 881-2687.

'62 Chevy Convair Monza. Completely restored, 4 sp., wine w/black interior. Only serious inquiries please. \$6,000 obo. 859-5371 after 4 pm.

Boats & RVs



'99 Honda XR200 dirt bike. Assume payments of \$113.20 mo for 2 yrs. (931) 427-5907 after 7:30 pm.

'98 Ploaris Sportsman 500 with EBS. 2 yrs. warranty, loading ramps and service equip. 267 miles. \$6,000 obo. 880-3192.

'96 Chris Craft Ski Boat. 17', 190 HP V6. \$10,995. More details at http://people.goplay.com/r_mason, email: jrmason@airnet.net or phone: (256) 878-9463.

'96 Harley Davidson 883 Sportster. Fat Bob tank, 2 seats, lots of chrome. Sharp! \$7,000 firm. 828-5166.

'89 Catalina 25 sailboat. 150 genoa w/ roller furl, bimini, OB, head, microwave, exc. cond., freshwater only. \$10,500 obo. 883-4118.

'78 Harley FXE Super Glide. 54K miles, exc. cond., 1 owner, bought new. \$7,800. 379-3363 after 6 pm.

Bayliner 2450 Cigra Sunbridge Cruiser. 25 ft., radio, depthfinder, galley, head, sleeps 6, all options, loaded. \$13,000. 852-5099.

17' Glasspar fiberglass boat with trailer, 140 hp. outboard, carpet and plywood replaced, spare prop. \$2,000. 534-7911.

Miscellaneous



Aluminum backpack frame, \$90. Boy Scout short sleeve shirt, large \$15. Boy Scout long pants, w-29, \$20. 882-0173.

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Exercise bike. Good cond., \$40. 650-0272.

Gibson acoustic guitar. Cloth bag, strap, picks, tuning meter, books, Guitar Coach CD ROM. \$600. 837-7675 after 3:30.

Honda in dash Cd player. OEM, fits '96-98 Accord and Civic. Instructions and installation parts. \$100. 890-1625.

Garage sale. 113 Tammy Gaines LN NE. 851-9595. Daily until all items sold or moving day. Furniture, clothes, lawn tools, etc.

Glock model 26 9mm semi-automatic pistol. Like new in box w/ 2 ea. 10rd magazines. 4425. 881-6773 before 2 pm.

Murray 5 sp. riding lawn mower. Only used 3 times, 12.5 hp., 40 in. cut. Lv voice message 720-7737.

Oak bedroom chest. Oak coffee table, queen size Restonic mattress and box springs with metal frame, exc. cond. 722-9453 after 5:30 pm.

Odyssey RH putter. 34 inch Rossie blade, 6 mo. old, \$65. 882-6130.

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

Raggedy Ann and Andy lamp for child's room, \$25. Rapicom copier and fax, \$40. 882-0173.

Roomate wanted. Female engineer seeks roommate to share 2 BR, 2 BA apt. near gate 7 at Colonial Grande. Mostly furnished. pool. \$295/mo. 464-3436.

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

Saw blade. 6" stacked blade, \$20. 721-6740 or (931) 937-8704.

Sony Playstation. Includes 2 controllers, 2 memory cards, RCA cables, power cord., new cond. Paid \$140, asking \$75. 461-8267.

Truck bedliner. Like new, in nissan King Cab, less than half the cost of new, \$75. 882-1399.

Very fine antique Sarouk carpet. 9'x12'. \$4,000. 461-7622.

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