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Sullivan taking reins...

## AMCOM change of command ceremony set July 9

AMCOM and Redstone Arsenal will get a new commanding general in July.

Maj. Gen. Julian "AI" Sullivan Jr. will assume command of the Aviation and Missile Command in a ceremony at 4 p.m. July 9 in the courtyard of the Sparkman Center. Sullivan will succeed Maj. Gen. Emmitt Gibson, who moves on to become the vice director for force structure, resources and assessment at the Joint Staff in Washington, D.C.

Sullivan's previous assignment was in the Pentagon as director for supply and maintenance in the Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff for Logistics.

The parking stalls directly in front of building 5300 will be blocked off from 3-5 p.m. July 9 to accommodate VIP parking for the change of command ceremony. Sparkman workers who normally park in this area will be asked to move their cars prior to 3 p.m. If it rains, the VIP parking area will be moved to the parking area in front of the Sparkman Auditorium.

The change of command ceremony is open to any members of Team Redstone and their families.

Sullivan received his commission 28 years ago upon completion of the Officer Candidate School. He has served in command and staff assignments of increasing responsibility in both the continental United States and overseas. He has served as commanding general, 19th Theater Area Command, 8th U.S. Army, Korea and commanding general,

Joint Logistics Support Command, "Operation World Democracy," Haiti.

While assigned to the XVIII Airborne Corps, Fort Bragg, N.C., Sullivan served as the commander, 517th Transportation Company, 189th Maintenance Battalion and later as the executive officer of the 46th Support Group. He commanded the 70th Transportation Battalion, 21st Support Command, U.S. Army Europe and 7th Army, Germany, and the 507th Support Group, Saudi Arabia and later Fort Bragg.

From April 1993 to October 1994, Sullivan served as deputy commander for the Aviation and Troop Command, St. Louis.

Sullivan, a Memphis native, has a bachelor's degree in marketing and a master's in logistics management. His military education includes the Command and General Staff College and the Army War College.

His military decorations and awards include the Distinguished Service Medal, Defense Superior Service Medal, Legion of Merit (with three oak leaf clusters), Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal (with oak leaf cluster), Master Parachutist Badge, Senior Army Aviation Badge, and Joint Chiefs of Staff and Army Staff Identification Badges.

Sullivan and his wife, Kathy, have a daughter, Linsay, and son, Ryan.



SULLIVAN

File photo

Firefighters charged up about new emergency equipment

## Redstone organizations donate three lifesaving devices to fire department

By Sandy Riebeling

When people think of defibrillators, most people think of the television show "E.R." A patient's heart stops, the doctors call for the paddles and want a charge of 200 and then shout "clear" before shocking the person's heart back into a normal rhythm. It's a nice piece of equipment to have around in an emergency situation.

Thanks to the generous donation of three Redstone organizations, small portable versions of those heart shocking machines, called automated external defibrillators, will be carried on the fire trucks here at the Arsenal.

"When a person's heart stops, it's important to get help to them as quickly as possible," Jeff Lynn, safety specialist with AMCOM's safety office, said. "The fire department is the first to respond to emergency calls so it only made sense to give the units to them."

Redstone firefighter Arnold Schrimsher has used similar devices while working as a volunteer firefighter in New Hope.

"We had a save about two months ago," he said. "I don't think we could have saved the man's life without it."

Schrimsher said the units were so simple and straightforward almost anyone could use one, even without training. He did stress, however, that all people working the units at Redstone are first CPR trained and then take special training to operate the AEDs.

"The machine itself is simple," Schrimsher said. "You turn it on and the machine tells you what to do. There are two color coded electrodes and two buttons. The machine will not deliver a shock unless it is needed. It has an auto analyzer that tells you whether a shock is indicated."

When Schrimsher said, "the machine tells you," he isn't speaking figuratively. The computerized voice of the machine gives verbal commands.

About 250,000 people die each year from sudden cardiac

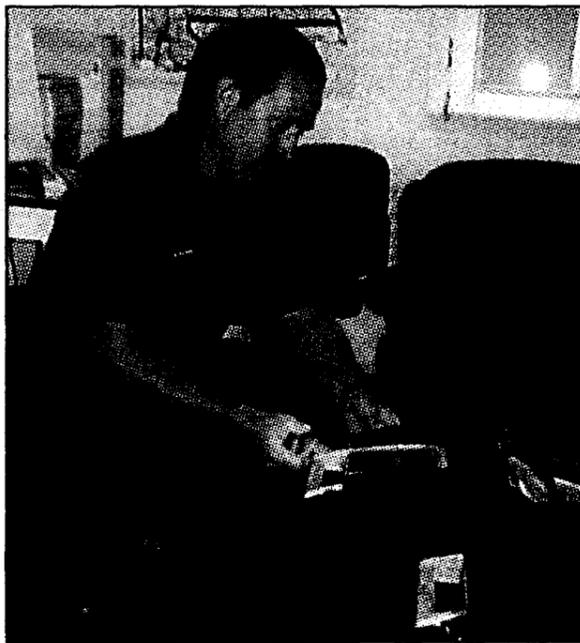


Photo by Sandy Riebeling

**HEART TO HEART—** While on a call as a volunteer firefighter in New Hope, Schrimsher used a similar automated external defibrillator to save a man's life. These "heart shockers" will soon be carried on fire trucks at the Arsenal.

arrest, which occurs when the heart fibrillates or short-circuits. As the heart fibrillates, the muscle quivers and does not pump blood. Rescuer CPR can pump blood to vital organs but it will not save the person's life. A shock from a defibrillator is required to interrupt this short-circuit, giving the heart a chance to resume its normal, blood-pumping beats.

AEDs are becoming commonplace in airports and on commercial airplanes, as well as sports arenas and office

buildings. The American Heart Association estimates that 80,000 lives could be saved every year if defibrillators were in wide use in public places across the country.

"I think someday AEDs will be as common as fire extinguishers," Lynn said. "And now with Alabama passing the 'Good Samaritans' bill, people will be more willing to stop and help."

The bill protects from liability anyone with training in CPR or in using a portable defibrillator if they stop to help a stranger and something goes wrong. The former law only protected those who were licensed in CPR and didn't even mention defibrillators. Moreover, the bill shields not only the person who gives the assistance, but also the physician who prescribed the defibrillator, the trainer who taught the person to use it and the company or business that owns it.

This was one motivator for Lynn who spearheaded the effort to get AEDs to the firefighters at Redstone.

"I'd read an article about AEDs and thought that's something we need here at the Arsenal," Lynn said. "I went to Bryan Lorge in the safety office and asked if we had any money to buy these. The units cost about \$3,000 each. He thought it was a good idea but said we didn't have the money. Same thing with (fire) chief Stephens."

Lynn really wanted to pursue the idea so he approached some of the larger organizations on post.

"The first three I went to said yes," Lynn said. "These organizations have always been big on safety and supporting the fire department."

Lynn talked to Phil Carmack at the Redstone Technical Test Center, Randy Buford and Jan McVey at Missile Research Development and Engineering Center and Col. John T. Wigington and Robert Thompson at Missile Space and Intelligence Center—all said yes to his request for funding the AEDs.

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## Letters To The Editor

# Commanding general proclaims AMCOM Safety Awareness Day

As commander of the U.S. Army Aviation and Missile Command (AMCOM) and Redstone Arsenal, I consider safety an integral part of the job of every employee. To maximize the safety of all of our people, we must make safety more than just a priority. It must become an AMCOM cultural value.

This requires forging a partnership between employees and management. Management must provide the resources, training and environment necessary to make safety an indispensable part of every function and task. Employees must recognize the role that they play in not only their own safety, but also that of their fellow workers and the users of our systems. In short, we must make the identification, evaluation and control of safety hazards an integral part of our daily routine.

To help rekindle our safety awareness and provide the tools required for doing this job right, I have designated July 1 as AMCOM Safety Awareness Day. Safety awareness is the vehicle to help our work force create a

climate where doing a task safely is synonymous with doing it right.

Our focus should not be limited only to work-related activities. We must consider hazards faced off the job as well. As we approach this holiday weekend that celebrates our nation's birth, we must ensure that our most precious resource, our people, minimize the risks they are exposed to as they enjoy this time. The hazards of automobiles, water activities and fireworks all must be considered when making holiday plans.

Nothing is more important than the safety of our people and the soldiers that use our equipment. You are encouraged to take this opportunity to participate in Safety Awareness Day and help us continue our tradition of safety excellence.

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

## Proper training

Job security is a major concern for most employees. Most of us want to know that our work is valuable to the organization and that our co-workers feel positive about us being a team player. Technology is revolutionizing the way we work. Employees are empowered to continuously find smarter ways of doing business. The future seems rather dismal since we will have to apply organizational restructuring and policy changes, such as: the Army Strategy for Acquisition Reform, Modernization Through Spares (MTS), and switching most weapon systems contracts from Army specification to performance standards. These are just a few development programs to implement in our workplace for the 21st century.

We are emerging from the Age of Specialization; but who can blame any one of us in clinging to the notion that it is best to pick a job series and stick with it for promotional advancement. It might be the wrong thing to do as the government carries out its long and unpleasant manpower reductions for today's modern Army. The idea is: as positions become scarce, that management will rely more and more on employees who can fit anywhere in the organization.

The competence of obtaining, applying and maintaining knowledge, skills, and abilities to do the job right will take us into the future. The future is ours. Today with proper training and skill improvement a person can become an asset to an organization, but without proper training or job skills enhancement, a job prospect cannot make the initial cut in the employee hiring process or be considered for promotional opportunities. We must, therefore, spend time our entire career in learning and updating our job skills.

We, as civil servants, must take control of our destiny by developing a game plan and setting goals to meet these requirements. We must convince our employer and our fellow workers to join together for individual improvement of skills and knowledge. Once we have started, we must have perpetually continuous professional growth. Taking additional college course work, attending professional workshops or seminars shows this, doing research and analysis tasks, editing publications and developing new class outlines. We must demonstrate our commitment to the visions and goals of our organizations. This is shown by attending classes for Army's Quality Management (QM), Team Training, and Consideration of Others (CO2) which fulfills this requirement.

We must become more active in our participation in special training programs. We might request a job sharing position that requires intelligent, environmentally friendly goods and services—based on quality rather than quantity or cross-training which requires substitution of a replacement for the employed worker while he or she is away becoming educated and trained. Therefore, job jumping or job surfing might be the means of overcoming the replacement of the work force and keeping production going while the employees are being trained. We must improve our abilities of decision making and have suitable academic credentials to support and maintain our mission.

Remember you too can take a positive step toward a brighter future both personally and professionally. We must encourage management to meet the needs for changes with a strong educational, and skill training program. Management should also provide a real incentive for employees to accept more responsibilities for the future.

**Jimmy Harbin**  
IMMC

## Sincere appreciation

I would like to express my sincere appreciation to all those who were so kind and helpful to me and the Potter family during our loss. Your support, prayers and friendship continues to help us throughout each new day. I hope to soon find time to thank each of you personally but until then I wish to offer a warm, heartfelt thanks.

**Thomas G. Potter**

## Trail blazing

Hello, fellow Redstonians. This is my very first article—ever. Why am I writing, you ask? I wish to take just a moment of your time and invite you to do the RAT. What is the RAT? Many of you already know what it is because you use it very often perhaps even daily. The RAT is a place anyone working or living on Redstone Arsenal can visit. What can the RAT do for you? It can make you feel better. It can help you breathe fresh air. Yes, you can even say it is a health aid. In what way is it a health aid? The RAT will allow you to do at least three forms of exercise with which we are all familiar: running, walking and biking. So take some time today to get out and see the squirrels, birds, rabbits and more while making the very best of the time you have here. You can do any distance you wish to undertake on the RAT and you'll truly feel better afterwards. Thank you for your time and I hope to see you on the Redstone Arsenal Trail.

**MSgt. Thomas Mullins Jr.**  
Senior medical NCO,  
Fox Army Health Center

## Truly thankful

Words of appreciation during my bereavement in the loss of my dear mother to my friends and family of the Aviation and Missile Command:

I, Elizabeth Carter and family would like to express my sincere gratitude and appreciation to all of my friends here at Redstone Arsenal who sent me cards, flowers, money and just said a kind word to me during my hour of loss.

You just don't know what it's like until you have experienced the loss of someone so dear and I'm truly thankful and blessed to have so many friends. May God bless and keep you!

**Elizabeth Carter**  
Legal Office

## Redstone motorist dies in flooding

A soldier died Monday morning near gate 1 when her car was swept away by flood waters.

Redstone authorities identified the victim as SSgt. Jennifer Gamble, an instructor at the Ordnance Missile and Munitions Center and School.

She was apparently on her way to work from her nearby apartment and was crossing a bridge over a creek. The accident happened on Vermont Road, north of Martin Road outside gate 1.

Gamble is survived by a 9-year-old daughter.

## New contract awarded for Redstone Rocket

The Huntsville Times has been awarded the contract for publishing the Redstone Rocket.

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## Redstone Rocket

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Celebrating space pioneer's life...

# Von Braun exhibit premieres at Huntsville Times gallery

By Jim Bowne

A new exhibit, "Von Braun and the U.S. Army— Laying the Foundation of America's Space Program," will premiere at the Huntsville Times gallery on July 2 and continue through July 31. The gallery is open to the public at no charge.

Developed by the Public Affairs Office, Aviation and Missile Command, the von Braun display is one of AMCOM's special events scheduled during the community's yearlong "Von Braun Celebration of the Arts and Sciences." The celebration officially kicks off July 16.

"Von Braun and the U.S. Army— Laying the Foundation of America's Space Program" features 20 framed panels forming a photographic montage of Dr. Wernher von Braun's life and his extraordinary scientific achievements. Although a few photographs are included from his childhood, youth, and Peenemunde, primary emphasis is placed on the period during which von Braun worked for the U.S. Army. In particular, the display highlights some of the numerous "firsts in space" achieved by von Braun and the U.S. Army.

The Army brought von Braun and his team of German rocket scientists to the United States under "Operation Paperclip" at the end of World War II. For the next 15 years, from 1945-60, von Braun worked for the Army, doing missile research, first at Fort Bliss, Texas and then at Redstone Arsenal.

The Army was the first national agency to involve America in space. Through their missile research, Army scientists developed the early theories and technologies that allowed America to send astronauts into space and bring them back safely. Put into perspective, 1945-60 was the period during which von Braun and the Army laid the foundation of America's space program.

In her publication, "Redstone Arsenal's Pioneering Efforts in Space," Dr. Kaylene Hughes (AMCOM historian) states, "The period between 31 January 1958 and 1 July 1960 was a time of outstanding success for the U.S. space program. It was also the period during which the U.S. Army made its most notable contributions to the nation's space effort."

Jan. 31, 1958 is the date the Army launched Explorer I, the Free World's first satellite. And July 1, 1960 is the date

NASA's George C. Marshall Space Flight Center was activated at Redstone Arsenal.

According to Hughes, it was during this short 30-month period that the Army "placed four earth satellites into orbit; launched the Free World's first lunar probe and first solar satellite; launched three primates into space, two of which were recovered alive; initiated effort on a 1.5-million-pound-thrust booster being designed for a lunar exploration vehicle (later named Saturn); and began work on the launch vehicle which would carry the first men into space."

Hughes relates, too, that with the activation of Marshall Space Flight Center on July 1, 1960, the Army "formally lost all of its space-related missions, along with about 4,000 civilian employees (including the von Braun team) and \$100 million worth of buildings and equipment at Redstone Arsenal and Cape Canaveral" to NASA's new MSFC.

The Army display presents a brief overview of these events, as well as others, that had a profound effect on not only the nation, but on the world as well. It also provides some insight into the life and times of a man whose achievements in space exploration earned him a place in history few others will achieve.

The historical content for "Von Braun and the U.S. Army—Laying the Foundation for America's Space Program" was drawn from the archives of AMCOM's Historical Office, the Huntsville-Madison County Library, and the U.S. Space and Rocket Center. Dr. Ernst Stuhlinger, an original member of the German rocket team, brought to the exhibit his personal insight and also provided many of the photographs reproduced in the display.

Because of limited space, the exhibit at the Huntsville Times gallery will be shown in two parts. The first 10 panels will be shown from July 2-16. The remaining 10 panels will be shown from July 17-31.

Following its premiere at the Times gallery, the exhibit will be on view at the Huntsville-Madison County Public Library gallery Aug. 6 through Oct. 1; the Huntsville-Madison County Senior Center gallery Oct. 6 through Nov. 1; and the University of Alabama-Huntsville gallery Jan. 10 through February.

In addition, a duplicate of the von Braun display (although unframed) will be installed on July 8 in the hallway outside the Sparkman Cafeteria.

Although the units have already arrived on post, they will be officially presented to the fire department Thursday at the Safety Awareness Day conference in the Sparkman Auditorium.

"We want to get them on the trucks and in use as soon as possible," Schrimsher said.

The units were purchased by the organizations from the Educational Association of Alabama in Birmingham.



Photo by Jim Bowne

**FINAL CHECK**— Holly Lawson, an Illustrator in the Corporate Information Center's Graphic Arts Section, completes a final check of the panels she designed for the new von Braun exhibit.

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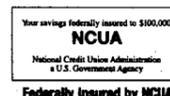


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"It has been a team effort, from the top down," Lynn said. "Col. (Clifton) Broderick was involved from the beginning. Every organization we talked to was supportive and positive and wanted to do what they could to get these units."

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Making history...

# Outgoing CSM promoted to Regimental slot at Aberdeen

By Sandy Riebeling

As CSM Timothy Ayers says goodbye to the Ordnance Missile and Munitions Center and School and to Redstone Arsenal, he declares, "I'll be back."

Ayers is on his way to Aberdeen Proving Ground, Md., where he will be the first ammunition specialist to serve as the Ordnance Corps regimental command sergeant major.

"The Ordnance Corps is the largest corps in the Army," Ayers said. "OMMCS represents about half the military occupational specialties in the Corps, which are electronic and ammunition MOSs. The other half are automotive MOSs located at Aberdeen, which is where the headquarters is."

Ayers first came to Redstone for advanced individual training in 1975. He trained as a Pershing electrical mechanical repairman.

Pershing was an intermediate-range nuclear missile. During 1988, Ayers was part of the INF inspection team that escorted Russians around the Arsenal as part of the Intermediate Nuclear Force treaty, Ayers

was reclassified as an ammunitions specialist in 1991.

"There were only two places in the U.S. for Pershing— here and Fort Sill," said Ayers. "We went back and forth from here to Germany. We spent 12 years there all together."

According to Ayers, the winters in Germany are much like those in the Northeast.

"This is our first assignment in that part of the country," Ayers said. "I'm going to miss Huntsville winters. Serving 12 years in Europe I'm used to inclement weather—the snow, the ice, the cold — it doesn't scare me. The only difference will be that the people there speak English."

Both Ayers and his wife, Mary, are excited about the opportunities that await them at Plum Point Loop in Chesapeake Bay. The Ayers will be living in an historical home, built in the 1930s and protected by the historical preservation society.

"It's a new challenge—a new opportunity," Mary said. "I'm looking forward to it. It's a beautiful area."

In the year Ayers served as the OMMCS/59th Ordnance Brigade command

sergeant major, he feels a lot was accomplished for the school.

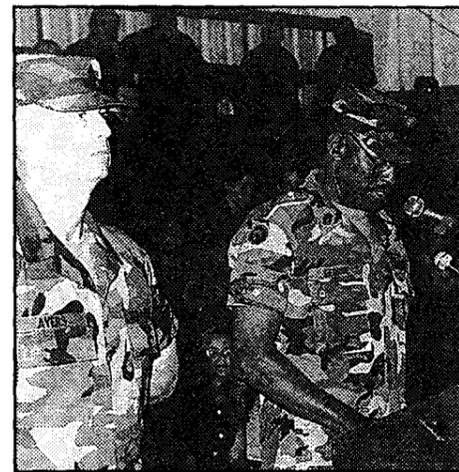
"Getting the NCO Academy accreditation was a big deal," he said. "And we also dedicated it last year to former CSM John Woodyard."

"Ongoing issues have involved getting safe and secure billets for the trainees and assisting the recruiting command with sessions," Ayers said. "We help in the recruiting effort by bringing people into the school house, giving them tours, showing them what the Army is like. We also take our systems out to the people. We've also had to deal with the reorganization and consolidation issues for the Force 21 project."

Ayers said that in all the years of coming and going, things on the Arsenal haven't changed all that much.

"I'm going to miss the people, though," he said. "I've had good quality people all around me. I cherish the memories more each day."

But it's not like he won't be coming back. His son, Joshua, is staying in the area. He is currently attending Calhoun College but will transfer to the University of Alaba-



Joe Ramirez/Photo Lab

**EVERYTHING CHANGES—** Outgoing CSM Ayers listens to incoming CSM George's comments at the change of responsibility ceremony at Pagano Gym, June 15.

ma-Huntsville next year.

"I think I have something to offer up there," Ayers said. "If I didn't think I could make a difference in the Ordnance Corps, I wouldn't have competed for the job."

Train hard, plan for the future...

# New CSM prepares soldiers for career and beyond



Joe Ramirez/Photo Lab

**CAKE ANYONE?—** After the change of responsibility ceremony June 15, new OMMCS CSM George cuts the cake at the reception, with the assistance of his wife, Yukimi, left, and daughter, Leslie.

By Sandy Riebeling

Although this is his fifth and final tour at Redstone, as the new command sergeant major of the Ordnance Missile and Munitions Center and School/59th Ordnance Brigade, James George isn't planning on taking the next year easy.

"One of the major challenges at the school house is to ensure that the students that depart here are trained to do their jobs," George said. "I want the NCOs to stay focused on combat readiness so that when they leave here, they have no problems taking the role as leaders. These same soldiers they are training here are the ones they will be supervising out in the field."

George also hopes to create unity among all the elements at OMMCS.

"I want everyone at the school to think as a team," he said. "We have a Marine detachment here and they are part of the team. We all need to work together."

Meeting these challenges, George said, means getting out from behind the desk and spending time in the classrooms, on the grounds and talking with the soldiers and Marines.

"You can always ask and get an answer about what's going on but the best perspective is to get out there and see

it firsthand. I'm only behind the desk when I have to be."

His first two weeks of duty have kept him out of the office and on the road. The day after the change of responsibility ceremony June 15 at Redstone, George traveled to Aberdeen Proving Ground, Md., to attend former OMMCS CSM Timothy Ayers change of responsibility ceremony. Ayers was named Regimental command sergeant major for the Ordnance Corps, headquartered at Aberdeen.

The next week George headed to Washington, D.C. for an "MOS laydown," which addresses all the military occupational specialties and determines if the Ordnance Corps, according to opportunities, support and recruitment, is considered healthy.

Now that he's back, he will spend some time meeting with the sergeant major from each department as well as the lower enlisted soldiers.

George, 49, is no stranger to the school house, the Arsenal or Huntsville for that matter. He began his career in 1970 with basic training at Fort Jackson, S.C., and then his first trip to Redstone for advanced individual training. He's been back several times, most recently in 1998 as command sergeant major for the 832nd Ordnance Battalion.

The military has taken him around the world, including tours in Korea, Germany, Turkey and Japan.

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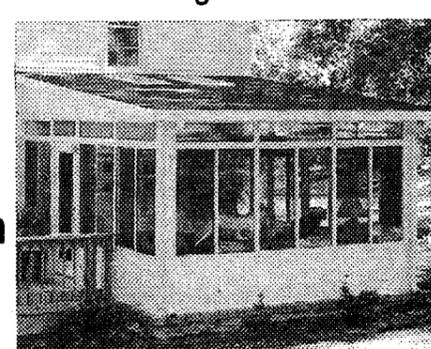
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"Looking back over my career, I can't say that I've had a bad tour. Japan brought me a wife and daughter," George said, explaining that he met his wife, Yukimi, while stationed at Kawakami Ammunition Depot, Japan. The couple has two children, Leslie, 21 and Christopher, 14.

"I love it here," he said. "My family loves it. They have friends here and are glad to be back." George may be a native of Blakely, Ga., but he emphatically claims, "I am a Huntsvillian."

So much so that George and his wife bought a house in Harvest, where they will spend those golden years after his retirement next year.

"I plan on working on my golf game—the objective being to consistently shoot in the low 80s, upper 70s. It's something I'll grow old doing."

George also enjoys playing tennis. "I guess I'm going to have to get back to fishing, though. My son is an avid fisherman. I was born on a creek. I did a lot of fishing as a kid. We ate everything we caught. I guess I'll be fishing again."

All the talk about retirement brought out a personal mission for George. "The Army does a bad job of setting examples for initial entry soldiers to develop financial planning for retirement. I see a lot of soldiers retire, broke. I plan to talk to these young people about planning for retirement so that when they do retire, they can actually quit working, or choose to do something they enjoy and not have to do it for the money. It's never too late to start planning."

George has done his planning and is looking forward to "tinkering around the house. There's always something to be done if you're a homeowner."

## Shinseki takes oath as Army's new chief

WASHINGTON— Gen. Eric K. Shinseki was sworn in June 21 as the Army's 34th chief of staff.

Shinseki had served as the Army's vice chief of staff since Nov. 24, 1998. Prior to that, he served from Aug. 5, 1997 to Nov. 9, 1998 as commanding general, U.S. Army-Europe & Seventh Army, and concurrently commanded NATO soldiers as the commander, Allied Land Forces Central Europe from Aug. 5, 1997 to April 29, 1998.

Shinseki succeeds Gen. Dennis J. Reimer, who had served as Army chief of staff since June 20, 1995, and is retiring from the Army after 37 years on active duty. Reimer's retirement ceremony was June 21 at Fort Myer, Va.

A ceremony June 22 at Summerall Field, Fort Myer, welcomed Shinseki as the new chief of staff. (Arnews)

## First two Apache Longbow combat helicopters arrive at Fort Rucker for Army pilot training

FORT RUCKER— Arrival of the first two AH-64D Apache Longbow multi-role combat helicopters in mid-June at Fort Rucker signals the debut of Apache Longbow pilot training at this famous Army base.

The arrival of two Apache Longbows was marked at Fort Rucker, home of Army aviation, in a ceremony June 14 on the 224th anniversary of the birth of the Army.

Pilot training, which had been successfully conducted at The Boeing Company in Mesa, Ariz., for the past two and a half years, is moving to Fort Rucker, where the Army has trained thousands of helicopter pilots in the past five decades. Training is scheduled to begin in January.

Hundreds of AH-64A Apache pilots have been trained over the past 15 years at Fort Rucker, where the Army maintains a small fleet of AH-64As for training.

Eventually most AH-64A Apaches will be replaced with AH-64Ds for instructor and combat pilot training based at Fort Rucker. The Army plans to upgrade the AH-64A Apache fleet into Apache Longbows, the world's only fourth-generation combat helicopters.

The Army elected to train pilots for its first two AH-64D battalions at The Boeing Company in Mesa to consolidate Apache Longbow resources as the new program was gaining momentum.

Apache Longbow maintenance training, which also had been conducted in Mesa, will soon transition to Fort Eustis, Va., where maintenance training is ongoing for the AH-64A. Boeing is scheduled to complete training of maintainers for the Army's third Apache Longbow battalion in February 2000.

Boeing will continue to use its Mesa facility to train international Apache pilots and maintainers.

During the 30-month training effort at Boeing, nearly 700 students from the Army and The Netherlands completed Apache Longbow pilot and maintenance training. The first Apache Longbow battalion, the 1-227th, was certified combat ready last year and the second battalion, the 2-101st, is completing its advanced combat training at Fort Hood, Texas.

The final Army pilots to be trained in Mesa graduated this month after a cumulative total of 5,000 accident-free training hours had been logged during more than 5,200 sorties over the 30 month period.

In all, 208 Army pilots, 594 Army maintainers, 64 pilots from The Netherlands and 11 pilots from the United Kingdom will have completed training at the Boeing training facility by the end of 2000.

With its Army pilot training commitment complete, Boeing has turned its training focus to meeting the needs of air and ground crews from The Netherlands and the United

Kingdom, and future customers as contracts are finalized.

"The U.S. Army took advantage of our facility and qualified personnel and the availability of new aircraft in Mesa," said Rod Bither, program manager for Instructional and Technical Data Systems, Army Programs at The Boeing Company in Mesa. "Now that we're transitioning to Fort Rucker and Fort Eustis, Boeing will continue to support the Army training program while continuing to offer our services to international customers for pilot and maintenance crews."

Bither added that international Apache customers have found the Boeing training center to be a "valuable resource" for transitioning their AH-64A Apache-qualified pilots into AH-64D model pilots.

"We're seeing significant interest that suggests we'll be training international air and ground crews for many years to come," he said.

The AH-64D Apache Longbow is the Army's next generation version of the combat-proven AH-64A attack helicopter. The AH-64A and AH-64D aircraft are in service with defense forces around the world. (Boeing release)



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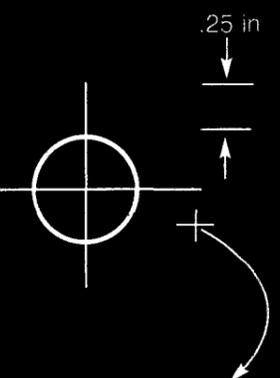
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Helping community...

# ACS rolls out welcome mat for military families

By June Johns

Soldiers and military family members new to the North Alabama area will find a welcome sight at Army Community Service.

Ready to assist military members and their families "from the time (they) arrive until the time they leave" is an assortment of trained personnel, according to Sue Paddock, ACS chief.

Staff members include a financial counselor, a relocation counselor, a family advocacy program manager, an employment assistance manager, an exceptional family member program manager, and an Army Emergency Relief officer.

Paddock has been the Army Community Service chief for about six years, and has been a civilian worker at Redstone Arsenal in different capacities for more than 14 years. ACS services start with something as simple — and as welcomed — as an orientation packet for new arrivals. One of the last services ACS often provides to soldiers is a Standard Information Topic Exchange (SITE). A SITE is a computer-generated information packet about any of the U.S. and oversees military installations, a handy

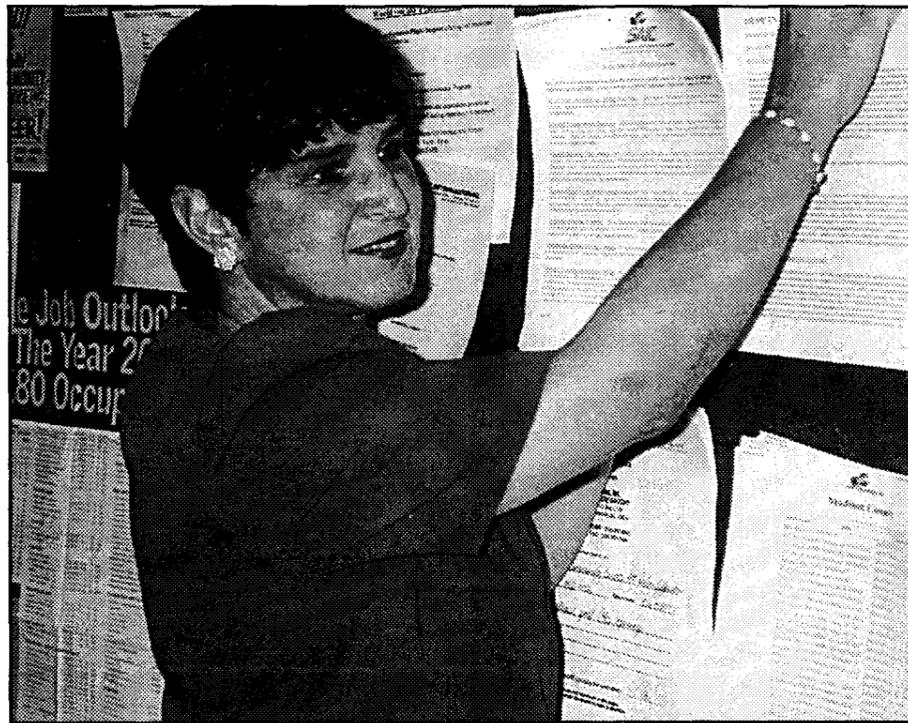


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**UNDER REVIEW—** Paddock looks over the positions posted on the ACS job board.

reference guide for soldiers moving to a new duty location, Paddock said.

The ACS' commitment to the Redstone Arsenal soldier and his/her family does not end there. Paddock emphasized that ACS is "very unusual in that we have dozens of

special events and projects far and above our mission." An emphasis is placed on preventative and educational programs.

Special programs that ACS has supported and/or sponsored include Special Olympics events and an all-volunteer Army Family Team Building program.

In addition, the ACS has initiated a Department of Army contracted program which offers support for new parents.

Another new initiative, implemented this year, is the "Soldier Financial Readiness Program," Paddock said. This program will provide financial training for first-time soldiers, so that they are fiscally prepared.

And on July 19 from 6-8 p.m. at Bicentennial Chapel, the ACS will hold a Parent-Principal Night. On hand for this event will be the superintendent for the Huntsville City School system, as well as principals from area schools, who will be available to

talk to members of the RSA community. Soccer and school bus registration will be available at this time.

"ACS takes great pride in (being a partner) with agencies both on and off the post to provide a wide range of resources for their customers," Paddock said.

Volunteers play a crucial role in the success of the Army Community Service, Paddock noted, reporting that 51 volunteers contributed a cumulative 3,200 hours to ACS work at Redstone Arsenal this past year.

Perhaps the Army Community Service's most well-known contribution is the funds it provides to military members and their families through Army Emergency Relief. This year's fund-raising campaign brought in over \$64,000, exceeding the goal by 42 percent. These fund-raising efforts benefit those such as the four families who lost everything in a recent Army housing fire at Redstone.

For more information on, or to volunteer to work with the ACS, call 876-5397. Hours of operation are from 7 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

You might also want to attend the ACS' 34th birthday open house. Anyone in the community is welcome to participate in this special event, scheduled for July 23 from 2-4 p.m. in building 3491. This event coincides with Armed Forces Week. The ACS building is located immediately off Honest John Road. Maj. Gen. Julian "Al" Sullivan Jr.— who will become the commander of AMCOM and Redstone Arsenal on July 9 — will be on hand for this open house, which will include a cake-cutting ceremony, complimentary refreshments, ACS event displays, and meet-and-greets with ACS service personnel.

Paddock sums up the ACS' mission by asserting "our job is to reach out and help military families."



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**CHECK IT OUT—** Receptionist George Alexander and volunteer Melissa Hornback inventory informational brochures available at the Army Community Service building.

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Don't let ticks bug you...

# Combat Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever by arming yourself with knowledge

By June Johns

Those bad boys of summer, ticks bearing Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever, are on the loose again. Capt. John R. Harvey, veterinarian at Redstone Arsenal's Veterinary Activity, and Spec. Anthony Caudill, a veterinary technician, recently provided some tips in dealing with these seasonal pests, most prevalent in late March through September.

According to literature distributed by Harvey and Caudill, "the only prevention available for humans at this time is immediately locating and removing any ticks found on your body."

Foremost in your arsenal of weapons against these vermin should be a high-quality pair of tweezers with good gripping ability, as the tick's head, as well as its body, must be removed in order to ensure against infection.

Another handy device frequently used by Harvey and Caudill for tick removal is "Ticked Off!" This device resembles a three-inch measuring spoon with a notch at the end. By wedging the tick's head into this notch, you ensure its removal.

Harvey and Caudill advised against attempting to burn a tick off, as it only makes them want to burrow deeper into the skin.

### Further precaution

To reduce the chances of contamination, Harvey and Caudill warned that ticks be removed intact and kept away from open scratches and eyes.

As a further precaution, removed ticks should be placed in tissue coated with flea and tick spray and put in the garbage or flushed down the toilet.

On a daily basis, check for ticks and tick bites while bathing, Harvey and Caudill cautioned. The danger lies in an attached tick, not one just crawling across your skin, they noted.

The good news, however, is that even if you should find an attached tick, only 2 percent of them carry the notorious Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever.

Should you encounter an attached tick, Harvey and Caudill recommended placing it in a container and taking it to the Public Health and Education Center at Fox Army Health Center for analysis.

### Disease symptoms

If Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever is contracted, the symptoms will include the following, after an incubation period ranging from 2-14 days: fever; severe headaches; chills; nausea; and a general aching, especially in the back and leg muscles. Sometimes contraction of this disease is accompanied by a rash that develops around the ankles, soles of the feet, palms, and forearms.

Contrary to its name, two-thirds of the cases of Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever that have been reported have occurred in the Eastern United States, primarily in locations such as North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, Virginia, Maryland, Georgia and Oklahoma. Most cases occur in the spring and summer, with an average of 1,000 cases reported each year.

While, as stated earlier, the only method of preventing

Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever in humans is through tick removal, there is a brighter story for your family pets. Harvey and Caudill recommended using a product called Frontline, a liquid that you dispense on the back of your dog's or cat's neck. According to available literature, "Frontline will kill and repel ticks for up to one month per application, and it will kill and repel... fleas for up to three months per application."

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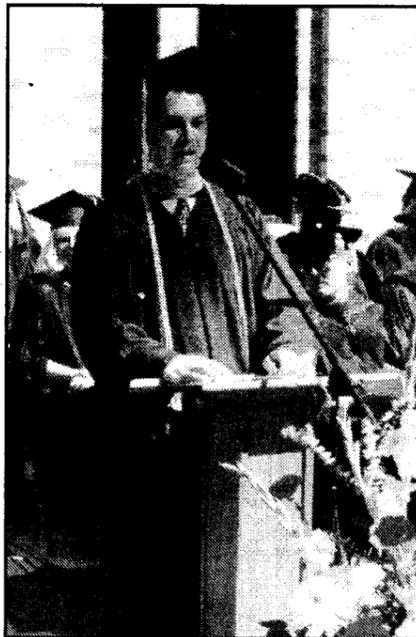
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Save money, win awards...

## Project office shaves \$50 million through value engineering

By Sandy Riebeling

Improve quality and reduce cost has become the battle cry for government offices and projects around the world. The Army Tactical Missile System/BAT Project Office accepted the challenge and exceeded their goal by nearly 780 percent, totaling more than \$50 million in savings in FY '98.

"The savings came from the implementation of several Value Engineering Proposals," Col. R. Kelley Griswold, project manager for Army TACMS/BAT, said. "Every year we are given a VE goal. Last year's goal was \$6.494 million. I think our accomplishments have been tremendous. It has taken a lot of hard work from a lot of good folks."

One of those good folks, Robert Yanulavich, VE coordinator for ATACMS/BAT, made the suggestion that netted the project office a \$38 million savings.

"Back in 1995, I was at a meeting with Northrop Grumman where they were discussing the production of the BAT," Yanulavich said. "I put up a briefing chart offering the government's alternative which was to move production to Redstone Arsenal, to the old Thiokol facilities. They just sort of laughed off the suggestion."

Somewhere along the line, Northrop Grumman management stopped laughing and started looking at the proposal. The company's initial plan was to manufacture the BAT subassemblies, the brilliant anti-armor submunition used in the Block II missile, at their plant in Hawthorne, Calif., then ship them around the freeways of Los Angeles to the Naval Warfare Center at Seal Beach, Calif., where the warhead would be loaded.

"After Northrop management looked at the cost of building facilities for high explosive manufacturing, shipping the subassemblies and what it would cost in travel for our people to fly out for meetings, they took another look

at my suggestion," Yanulavich said.

Renovation of the former Thiokol facilities began in 1997 and low-rate production of the BAT is scheduled to begin next month.

The BAT production VEP was one of the largest in AMCOM history, saving \$38.056 million.

Other savings came from proposals that included using industrial/commercial grade electronics and components for the Block IA missile, eliminating the Explosive Ordnance Disposal requirement on the Block II by using EOD test results from the Block I/IA; upgrading the Navigation Operation Flight Software that will allow communications with the launcher, eliminating warranty requirements in a performance contract and the effective use of concurrent contract options.

"As the coordinator, Bob, has done a great job— putting out e-mails to encourage people to think of and submit money saving proposals," Griswold said. "The project office has a tradition of excellence in this area and we expect to keep right on going."

Yanulavich said that about a third of the project office workforce submits VEPs.

"It's a win-win program," he said. "You receive individual recognition and money, and the government saves money and it doesn't cost you a thing."

This savings earned Griswold the AMC Value Engineering Achievement Award as Outstanding AMC VE Project Manager for Fiscal Year 1998 and the Department of Defense level Value Engineering Achievement Award for FY '98.

Yanulavich was presented with the 1998 Robert B. Tarquine Value Engineering Achievement Award in February for his unsurpassed dedication and exceptional leadership in all aspects of the performance of his duties with the VE program.



Photo by Sandy Riebeling

**WALL OF FAME—** Winning value engineering awards is commonplace for the ATACMS/BAT Project Office but 1998 brought the distinctive award from the Office of the Secretary of Defense for a \$50 million savings. Yanulavich, left, and Griswold discuss placement of the newest award in their collection.

"Our people are cost conscious," Griswold said. "They are good stewards of the government's money. I just tell them to go out and do good and this is what the result is. We may even do better this year. We've exceeded our savings goal more than double already."

Program rewards proposals which improve operations, save money

## Good ideas pay off for both the Army and suggesters

By Margaret Banish-Donaldson

Some people are offered a penny for their thoughts. But at AMCOM, military and civilian employees can receive as much as \$25,000 for an adopted idea.

So far this fiscal year, AMCOM has processed 111 suggestions and paid \$22,876 to people through their Army Ideas for Excellence Program.

Last fiscal year Lori McAulliffe processed 250 suggestions from AMCOM worldwide locations, which saved the Army \$4.28 million. This was over \$1 million more than any other commodity command. McAulliffe is the AIEP coordinator in the Resource Management Directorate.

"Nevertheless, AMCOM isn't alone in rediscovering this low-cost, low-tech approach to improving the way a

command is run," McAulliffe said. "After two decades of trends such as quality circles and total quality management programs, many commands are looking for a little thinking out of the box—the suggestion box."

A suggestion can make things easier or improve operations, save time, increase or enhance productivity, improve work conditions, save material or property, save staffing or money, save energy, hold down procurement costs, improve reliability or customer service or promote continuous improvement.

Ideas which meet AIEP's standards for quality, content, and benefit calculation and were approved under other programs: Value Engineering, Tool Improvement, Cost Reduction, Operation Cost Support Reduction, Price Challenge or Supply Maintenance and Assessment Review Team, have a

window of 90 days from the implementation date of their suggestion to submit their idea to the AIEP.

"If they do not submit their informal suggestion within this timeframe, they cannot receive the recognition or benefits they deserve through AIEP," McAulliffe said. "Historically, about 25 percent of suggestions are adopted and rewarded."

Active duty military, direct hire civilians and full-time and active reservists can submit a suggestion by completing DA Form 1045, AIEP Suggestion Proposal Form. The DA Form 1045 is offered also in electronic format on the AMCOM Internet Web Homepage "Featured Sites."

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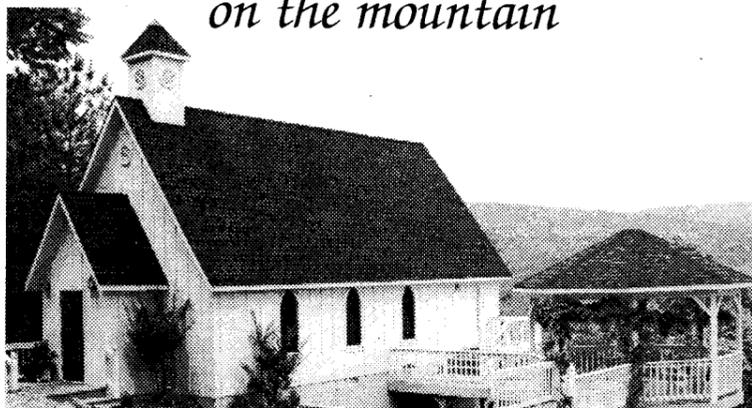
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Once the suggestion is received, the AIEP coordinator checks the suggestion for eligibility. She assigns a control number and suspense date, and forwards it to a local organization with subject matter expertise. The suggester's name and other personal information can remain confidential during staffing. The idea is looked at in detail before a final decision is made. Organizations are expected to complete an evaluation within 30 days.

"In most cases, evaluators do complete their evaluations in a timely manner," McAulliffe said. "However, in some cases, considerable time is expended by the AIEP staff to track down suggestions, prepare correspondence for command group signature notifying organizations that an evaluation is grossly overdue."

Ideas can be totally or partially adopted. In the event of non-adoption, a written explanation is provided, with a 60-day option to submit supportive information for re-evaluation of the submission.

An idea may be tested to decide the actual benefits to the government. Test periods are usually for one year followed by final evaluation and decision whether to approve or disapprove the idea.

When the idea is approved and implemented, either non-monetary or monetary awards are granted. Monetary awards are based on tangible or intangible benefits as identified in Army Regulation 5-17; and payment of monetary awards is limited to only the military and appropriated fund civilian employees. An average citizen would receive a letter of appreciation signed by the director of Resource Management.

"The decision to grant or not to grant an award, or to adopt or not to adopt a suggestion, is a management prerogative and is not grievable," McAulliffe said. "In addition to monetary and honorary recognition, the Federal Employees Pay Comparability Act of 1990 gave agencies additional authority to grant employees time off from work as an award."



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## Fallout...

Covered with kudzu, this fallout shelter is one of many on Redstone Arsenal that reflect the bygone Cold War era. This one is located on Rayford Road, near the boat docks.

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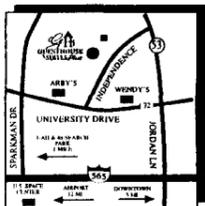


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With holiday approaching...

# Avoid attention deficit disorder on safety issues

By June Johns

The buzzword for AMCOM workers will be "safety" during the next two weeks, as various Redstone Arsenal organizations sponsor presentations designed to increase awareness of safer work and summer fun practices.

The timing of this safety awareness campaign was designed to prepare Redstone Arsenal workers for the upcoming July 4th weekend, with an emphasis on summer-

*The Aviation and Missile Command will celebrate its third annual "Safety Awareness Day" on Thursday.*

related activities such as traveling, handling fireworks, and engaging in water-related sports, according to Bryan Lorge, chief of installation safety division.

This year's campaign will focus on smaller organizational activities, rather than on larger presentations, such as those held in the past. Smaller presentations will better meet organizational needs and should gain more personnel support, Lorge explained.

The exception will be a morning kickoff session for supervisors, managers, and team leaders, which will be held at 9 a.m. Thursday in the Sparkman Auditorium.

The featured speakers during this kickoff session will be James E. Hall, chairman of the National Transportation Safety Board, and Brig Gen. Gene LaCoste, director of Army Safety and commander of the U.S. Army Safety Center.

Hall will discuss the important role every level of an organization plays in accident prevention. He will also cover the societal impact of auto accidents, and the critical role of safety belt use and proper installation of child safety seats.

LaCoste will talk on his vision for Army safety in the next millennium.

"Our goal is to have every AMCOM employee participate in one activity or another," Lorge said, adding that there are an estimated 6,000 AMCOM workers at Redstone Arsenal.

Lorge credited efforts such as these with helping AMCOM achieve a 50 percent reduction over the last five years in lost personnel time due to safety-related accidents.

If you are unable to attend any of the upcoming safety-awareness presentations being held through Friday, you can still pick up a wide assortment of safety-related pamphlets, brochures, and information sheets on the third floor of building 5300. You can also call Sandra Jackson, safety and occupational health specialist, at 842-8626, for more information.



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**SAFETY FIRST** — Redstone workers learn about boating and water-related safety practices from Russ McMurry during an awareness presentation organized by Winslow Hill, AMCOM Legal Office.

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

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• **Oldsmobile Scramble**— The Oldsmobile Scramble will be July 10 at Redstone Golf Course. This tournament is open to all authorized users of the course; players must have USGA handicap that can be verified. The entry fee is \$50. This is a qualifying round to go to the sectionals held at Burning Tree on Aug. 6. If your team wins at sectionals, you may advance all the way to Orlando, Fla. Registration ends July 2. Call 883-7977 for more details.

• **Mens/Womens championship**— The Men's and Women's Handicap Championship will be July 31-Aug. 1 at Redstone Golf Course. Free beverages will be offered after each day's play. A barbecue chicken dinner will be available Aug. 1. Registration ends July 23. The handicap championship is open to all authorized users, and the cost is \$40. For more information, call the Redstone Golf Course 883-7977.

• **Arts and crafts classes**— From basket weaving to woodworking, the June Hughes Art Center has all that you need. Classes for July include: Oil painting, at 5:30 p.m. July 6, 13, 20 and 27; Stepping stone class, at 6 p.m. July 7, 14, 21 and 28; Acrylic painting, at 5:30 p.m. July 7, 14, 21 and 28; Intro to basket weaving, at 5:30 p.m. July 8, 15 and 22; Wood safety class, at 5:30 p.m. July 1, 8, 15, 22 and 29; Open basket workshop, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. July 17; Open

workshop for painting classes, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. July 10 and 24. Advance sign up is requested. Matting and Framing and Stained Glass Panel Classes are available by appointment. Call 876-7951 today. Hours of operation include Tuesday and Wednesday, 1:30-9:30 p.m.; Thursday, 5-9:30 p.m.; Friday and Saturday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Closed Sunday and Monday.

• **Auto skills center**— With the weather already topping record temperatures, now may be the time to visit the Auto Skills Center to service your air conditioner. It's the "best deal in town," \$25 plus freon. Diagnosis and troubleshooting is also provided by the trained and knowledgeable staff. The Auto Skills Center is an MWR activity where your MWR card may be used for charges. It's located two blocks west of Patton Road on Entac Circle. The hours of operation include Wednesday through Friday, 1:30-10 p.m.; and Saturday and Sunday, 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. For more information, call 955-7727.

• **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 through Friday, 1:30-8 p.m.; Saturday and Sunday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. 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 more.

• **Challenger bingo**— The entire Redstone community is invited to play bingo at the Challenger. Bingo hours are Tuesday through Saturday, 6:45-9:45 p.m., and Sunday, 1:45-5:30 p.m. For more information, call 837-0750.

• **Outdoor recreation**— Campers, boats, fishing equipment and more are

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• **Soldatenstube**— The Soldatenstube presents a German dinner buffet July 14 from 5:30-8:30 p.m. Tickets are \$11.95, and reservations are required. Come enjoy the German specialties: schitzel, knockwurst, bratwurst, smoked pork chops, sauerbraten, sauerkraut, red cabbage, German fried potatoes, German breads and apple strudel. For reservations call 881-5180 or 830-2582.... Need a place for a summer party? Why not 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. Call 830-9227 for party bookings.

• **Redstone Arsenal Club**— On July 17, the Redstone Arsenal Club will hold a special Pig Out Barbecue Buffet. The barbecue specials will include barbecue pork, barbecue chicken, corn on the cob, roasted whole potatoes, Texas toast, salad and dessert. Make your reservations today. Tickets are \$12.95 for members, and \$15.95 for non-members. In addition to the great food, entertainment will also be included. The band will play as you dine on the fine barbecue buffet. Come join us July 17 from 5:30-8 p.m. at the Redstone Arsenal Club Pig Out BBQ Buffet. For more information, or to make reservations call 830-CLUB.

• **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 through 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 Tuesday through Friday. For more information, call 830-2582.

## Defending champ Bizer wins RSA Ladies Golf tourney

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Karen Bizer, the defending champion, and her partner Sally Shepard won with a net score of 59. Last year Bizer and Julie Goodridge won with a 64.

About 50 women participated in the event held June 23 at Redstone Golf Course.

Flight winners included the following:

• **1st flight**— Joy McGuire and Jackie Lane, first place; Linda Leonard and Elaine Owens, second; and Marian Depensmith and Sid Ellis, third.

• **2nd flight**— Pam Bucey and Bev Van Oostrum, first; Ernestine Anderson and Bev Robbins, second; and Kathy Morrison and Peggy Stanley, third.

• **3rd flight**— Karen Bizer and Sally Shepard, first; Pat White and Shirley Ponder, second; and Kathy Newton and Jane Robinson, third.

• **4th flight**— Lois Goodman and Sally Zavadii, first; Jo Miller and Zavadii, second; and Marianna McCoy and Fran Shaner, third. (Goodman did not have a partner so Zavadii served in that role based on golf handicap.)

Closest-to-the-pin winners included Linda Leonard, Bev Robbins, Becky Gailard and Joy McGuire.

Longest-drive winners included Jackie Lane, Kathy Morrison, Pat White and Zavadii.

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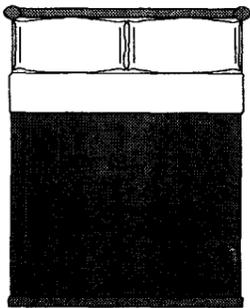
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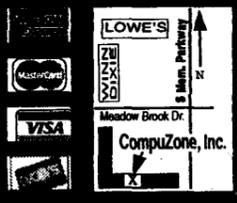
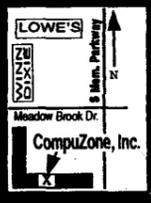
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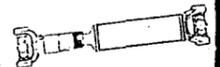
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MP is multiple winner at Alabama Police Olympics

# Operations sergeant earns four gold and three silver medals

By Skip Vaughn

SFC Veronica Edmiston is one military police officer who can run down the bad guys.

Edmiston, platoon sergeant and operations sergeant for the Provost Marshal Office, won seven medals in the women's division at the 20th annual Alabama Police Olympics, June 14-18 in Tuscaloosa. She brought home four golds and three silvers from the track and field events held June 17-18 on the University of Alabama track.

"I feel good any time I can go out and do something positive for a change," Edmiston, 38, said. "As you know the Army is getting away from the way we used to do things as far as mentorship for young soldiers. And they go out and see you do something like this, and they say 'hey, maybe I can do that too.'"

Edmiston finished first in the 400

meters, 1500 meters, 5000 meters and broad jump. She was second in the 100, discus, and shot put.

About 50 police officers, including six females, competed. The sports competition is for police officers—civilian or military—from throughout the state. Edmiston also won medals in 1996.

"I had good support from Maj. (Janice) Smith, SSgt. (Tracey) Watkins and the rest of the Provost Marshal Office," she said. "And I thank God for everything that I have and everything that I will have."

Edmiston, who grew up in Sacramento, Calif., runs from 20-25 miles per week. "I try to run at least five miles per day. And I do it so I can pass the Army PT test," she said.

She has some extra incentive this year in the Army's revised Physical Training test. Women age 37-41 now have to run 17 minutes or less for a top score in the two-mile, better than the previous 19 minute standard.

Edmiston barely missed with a 17:02 and hopes to improve next time.

With 19 years in the Army, Edmiston has been stationed at Redstone off and on since 1986. She arrived last October from Korea for her third tour here. Her husband, Sgt. Maj. Steve Edmiston, is sergeant major of the Directorate of Instruction at the Ordnance Missile and Munitions Center and School. She has a 13-year-old son, Edwin, who attends Lynn Fanning Elementary in Madison County. She has a stepson, SSgt. Dwight Blair, 25, of Fort Campbell, Ky., and a stepdaughter, Lecrystal Pittman, 18, who will attend Troy State. "As you get older it pays off to try to stay as physically fit and well off as you can, because now we have so many physical diseases and problems as you get older. And it helps your mind stay stable, get away from stress in the workplace," Edmiston said. "And if you stay in shape, you can run down a criminal."

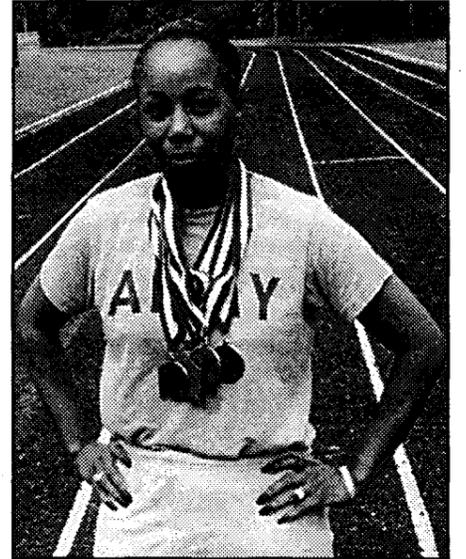


Photo by Skip Vaughn

**ON TRACK—** Edmiston won seven medals at the annual Alabama Police Olympics in Tuscaloosa.

Words of caution...

## Avoid food poisoning by following timely tips

By June Johns

It's that time of year again. That time when those pesky critters known as bacteria are out in full force, waiting to spoil your good times and summer fun with a dose of food poisoning.

There are things you can do to protect yourself against this invading army of pathogens, according to SSgt. Roger Walden and Sgt. Ken Edmonds, both food inspectors for Redstone Arsenal. This dynamic duo of bad food fighters provided the following tips, noting that "the consumer plays an integral part in the quality of their food products":

- When trips to the commissary become lengthy, purchase perishable items such as meat and dairy products last. Follow the flow of the store, advised Walden, who noted that grocers purposefully organize their shops with produce near the front, meat near the back, and dairy products at the end.

- If you travel a good distance to come to Redstone Arsenal's commissary to shop, bring a chest filled with ice to store meat and milk.

- Promptly put groceries away. The food duo explained that when you take something such as milk, for example, which normally has a shelf life of 10 days, and expose it to an increase of say, 18 degrees, by leaving it out on your kitchen counter, you cut the shelf life in half and the bacteria present doubles in growth. Continuing the example, if this same milk is exposed to an increase in temperature of 36 degrees — easy to do in a hot car on a summer day — it reduces the shelf life to two and one half days.

- Properly prepare food. Don't leave hamburger meat out all day, since it normally requires only three hours to thaw, warned Edmonds. Doing so gives bacteria a chance to "make babies like bunnies," added Walden. Instead, Edmonds and Walden recommended that you defrost meat in the refrigerator one to two days prior to using.

- Thoroughly cook food, particularly the inner portion.

If you don't, warned Edmonds and Walden, you make matters worse, as instead of killing the bacteria, you heat the food up to a temperature that increases bacteria activity.

- Make sure to follow microwave cooking instructions. If you forget to do so, "the microwave can be one of your worst enemies," Edmonds said. For example, if you don't open the end of the food packaging as described in the directions, your microwave might not completely cook your food. Be religious in following directions to rotate and stir food being prepared in a microwave as prescribed, Edmonds advised, noting that doing so assists in equally distributing the microwave's heat.

- Let washed dishes air dry, instead of wiping them with a dish cloth, "one of the dirtiest items in your house," Edmonds noted. Avoid cross-contamination by frequently washing your hands, using different knives when cutting a variety of foods, and avoiding the use of wooden cutting boards. Walden and Edmonds explained that using wooden cutting boards is not advisable, as wood is more porous and develops deeper cut marks, providing bacteria with a better chance to nestle and breed.

- Thoroughly wash items. Even though fruits and vegetables may have been rinsed during processing, they can become contaminated after the fact with air pollution, insects, and other unsanitary debris. Even items prepared in advance, such as pre-packaged salads, should be thoroughly rinsed in a colander, the two food inspectors agreed. City water is chlorinated sufficiently to remove enough of the harmful bacteria on foods.

- In addition, using scrub brushes on harder-to-clean foods such as potatoes is advisable. And wash vegetables and fruits such as watermelon, even though they have an outer protective layer. Walden and Edmonds explained that if a watermelon isn't clean on the outside, the knife you use to cut the fruit will carry contaminants from the exterior to the interior, edible part of the fruit.

- Insufficiently re-heated baked potatoes can be a particularly virulent source of bacteria, Walden and Edmonds warned. Mix an inappropriately re-heated spud with easily contaminated items such as butter and sour cream, and "you've set down the road to food poisoning."

Use these precautions to help reduce your chances of food-related illnesses, Walden and Edmonds cautioned. And continue to be on the lookout for food poisoning, as there's no such thing as a 24-hour virus or stomach bug. "It's usually a mild form of food-poisoning or foodborne illness," they said. Walden went on to note that the early stages of this illness resemble flu-like symptoms, including lethargy, dizziness, nausea, coughing and respiratory congestion.

Walden and Edmonds are two of five food inspectors who support the total Redstone Arsenal food inspection mission. This includes inspection of 21 restaurants, including NASA facilities; two dining facilities; the Shoppette; and the troop store. These inspectors also perform military and commercial sanitary inspections. For more information, Edmonds or Walden can be reached at 876-5847 or 876-7395.



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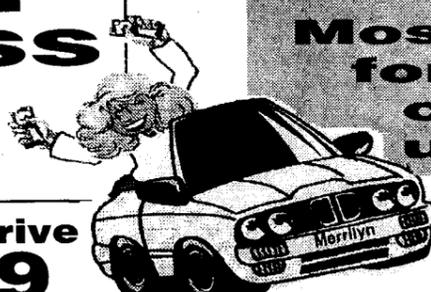
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## Sports & Recreation

### Fitness center

To clarify membership eligibility for Sparkman Fitness Center: DoD family members must be dependents who are at least 18 years old. The sponsor must bring his or her dependent to the orientation. Orientations are held 3 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays or 10 a.m. Wednesdays at Sparkman Fitness Center. The family member must bring some form of identification. Dependents include spouses or children of the DoD sponsor— not cousins, sisters, brothers, aunts, etc. Sparkman Fitness Center is now open to active duty or retired military and their dependents 18 or older; current or retired DoD civilians and their dependents 18 or older; reservists; and all federal employees. For more information, call Sparkman Fitness Center 313-6091.

### Football referees

The North Alabama Football Officials Association is looking for new members to join the fun of being a high school football referee. The season is just around the corner; and to become a football referee attend the season's first meeting at 8 p.m. July 11 at the Red Cross building on Washington Street. For more information, call Mark 722-2828 or Randy 830-5807.

### Boating safety

The AMCOM Safety Office will hold a free Boating Safety Class and License Examination from 11:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Thursday at Sparkman Center building 5304, room 4337. The class will be taught by the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary. Completion of the course and successful passing of the examination will meet the requirements for the Alabama boating license. Certificates will be given to each attendee who successfully completes the course. Seating is limited to 40 individuals on a first-come, first-served basis. To register send e-mail with your name, phone number, office symbol, and e-mail address to the following: terrell.swindall@redstone.army.mil; or call 842-8642 or 876-8136.

## Miscellaneous

### 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.

### 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.

### Self-help center

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

### Commissary news

The Commissary will be closed July 4-5 in observance of Independence Day. It will reopen July 6.

### Cost workshop

The Systems Engineering and Production Directorate will hold a "Workshop on Total Cost of Ownership Reduction Initiatives" July 27-28 at the Sparkman Center. Presentations will focus on the various initiatives that have been established at DoD, Army and AMCOM level to assist the project manager in achieving reduced cost of ownership.

There is no charge for this workshop; and contractor participation is encouraged. The overall administration of the workshop, including registration, is being provided by the University of Alabama-Huntsville Systems Management and Production Laboratory. For more information, call the workshop hotline 890-6343 ext. 223; or visit the workshop's website at: <http://smaplub.ri.uah.edu/tcow/>.

### Blues night

The R.E. Nelms Elks Lodge 977, at 1313 Pulaski Pike, will present a night of blues featuring Quinn Golden Rhythm & Blues Band at 9 p.m. Saturday. For more information, call 534-9701.

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Courtesy photo

### Recruiting duty...

PFC Akilah Rodgers, daughter of Hannelore and Henry Rone of Madison, is working with the Army recruiting station in Huntsville. She will be stationed at Bad Kreuznach, Germany from July 9 through 2003.

## SCI Systems wins role in \$418 million contract

SCI Systems in Huntsville is one winner of a contract to supply hardware for the Mounted Tracking System.

The Mounted Tracking System will support military operations on a worldwide basis in peacetime, peacekeeping and wartime operations. The system will have the capacity to operate without the use of direct telephone or Internet connections.

SCI will perform 18 percent of the contracted work. A large portion of the work will be conducted in Germantown, Md. SCI's role will include supplying laptop computers for the project.

Last Friday's award is worth \$100,000, but is expected to bring \$14 million to North Alabama by 2007. The contract has an estimated total value of \$418.2 million. The estimated contract completion date is June 24, 2007.

"This is a major contract and quite a success for SCI," Rep. Bud Cramer, D-Ala., said in a prepared release. "I'm pleased to be able to announce that a portion of this contract is coming to Huntsville. It's good news for our area and it reinforces our reputation as one of the finest technological communities in the world."

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#### Blood drive

A blood drive is scheduled for 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Thursday at the parking lot across from building 3303. This event is sponsored by Missile Systems Training Department, OMMCS. The Red Cross mobile van will be located in the parking lot that day. For information call SSgt. Richard Gomez 876-6751.

#### Found item

A gray Cannondale bike pouch was found June 17 at the intersection of Mills and Neal Roads. The owner should call Maj. Mike Hummel 955-6823.

#### Resource managers

The American Society of Military Comptrollers will hold a luncheon at 11 a.m. July 8 at Trinity Personal Growth Center, Airport Road. Frank Arcari, National ASMC, is to speak on "ASMC certification program for comptrollership personnel." Cost is \$9 for members, \$10 non-members. For reservations call Janet Siersma 955-3890.

#### Post Exchange news

The Post Exchange will operate with the following holiday hours July 5: Main Store, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Anthony's, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Concessions, closed; Mall Barber Shop, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Furniture Store, closed; One-Stop Goss Road, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Service Station, closed; Burger King, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. July 4-5; Military Clothing, closed; and Barber Shop building 3479, closed.

#### Sergeants major

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

#### Singers wanted

The Huntsville Chapter, SPEBSQSA is auditioning singers for its chorus and to fill out several more quartets for an upcoming show. They practice every Thursday at 7 p.m. at Aldersgate Methodist Church on the corner of Bailey Cove and Mountain Gap Road. They are looking for basses, baritone, tenors and leads. They sing "Barbershop" arrangements which are four-part, close harmony for men's voices.

#### Self-defense course

A self-defense course designed to help prevent assault and rape will be taught by Use-of-Force University from 6-10 p.m. July 13 and from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. July 17 at PRSM Sports Therapy, 4715 Whitesburg Drive. Cost for the course is \$25. For more information call Chuck Vessels, instructor, 233-0020 or PRSM Sports Therapy 880-7002.

#### Soldier/NCO of year

The Redstone community will hold the Soldier/NCO of the Year honor ceremony and luncheon at 11 a.m. July 23 at the Redstone

Arsenal Club. The public is welcome. Tickets are \$6. Military personnel should contact their first sergeant for tickets. For information or tickets, call Sgt. Cathey 876-8850 or Sgt. Traylor 842-9766.

#### Theater tickets

The Civilian Welfare Fund Council has purchased 30 season tickets to the Broadway Theater League's Sunday evening performances: "Tap Dogs," Nov. 7; "Chicago," Jan. 30, 2000; "Showboat," March 12, 2000; and "Sunset Boulevard," April 9, 2000. Season tickets costs \$120. This is a savings of \$16 off the box office price. Any tickets not sold as season tickets will be sold at the face value of the ticket. CWFC is also planning on purchasing tickets for "Annie," which is not included in the season package. For more information, call Mary Ann Meyer-Schuck 313-1698.

#### Carpool member

Carpool member wanted from Scottsboro to Martin Road/NASA vicinity. Hours 7 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. with first Friday off (AWS Schedule). Call Christine Dulaney 876-5379 or John Allen 544-1026.

#### Train exhibit

"Train Town, HMA," summer entertainment for the whole family, will return Thursday to Parkway City Mall. The exhibit, open until Aug. 14, is a fund-raising project of the Huntsville Museum of Art Women's Guild. All proceeds benefit the Museum of Art. This year Train Town, HMA again will feature the model railroad layouts organized by Dick Metzger of Southerland Station. New this year are dolls from the Twickenham Doll Club and 20 garments from Martha Pullen's personal collection of antique clothing. Tickets—\$3 for adults and \$2 for children and seniors—can be purchased during exhibit hours at the site, across from Chick-Fil-A in Parkway City Mall. Train Town, HMA will be open during regular mall hours: 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday through Saturday and 1-6 p.m. Sunday.

#### Best yards

Yard of the Month winners for June include Lt. Col. and Mrs. William Lake, 489 Cooke Drive, officer; SCPO and Mrs. Jerome Ruffin, 476A Cooke Drive, senior NCO; SSgt. and Mrs. Gerry Tate, 1247A Nike Circle, junior enlisted single/duplex; SSgt. Sondra Johnson-Parker and Barnes Parker, 511B Walnut Circle, junior enlisted/multiplex. The unit winner was B Company, 832nd Ordnance Battalion, building 3411.

#### Health Center news

Fox Army Health Center will be on holiday hours July 2 and July 5 for Independence Day. Advice nurses will be available 24 hours a day at 955-8888 or 1-800-223-9531 to provide care advice and schedule urgent care appointments for the Evening/Weekend Clinic. All other clinics and pharmacy will be closed.

#### Communicators group

Universal Communicators, International Training in Communication, will meet July 7 from 4:45-6 p.m. at building 5681 (PEO Aviation); conference room 125. "If you

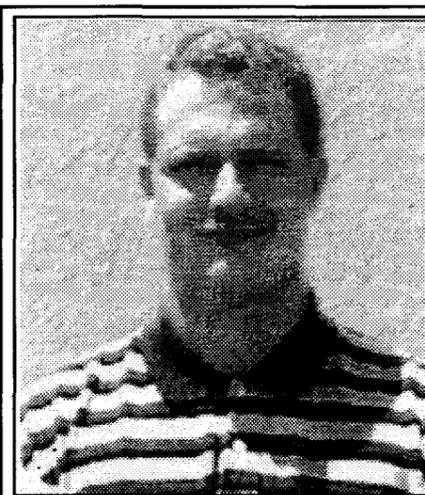
are interested in improving your communication skills, please attend the meeting to see if ITC is what you're looking for," a prepared release said. For more information, call Pearl Malone 851-9592, or Ira and Charles Smith 461-7101.

#### Toastmasters

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#### BIG scholarships

The Huntsville/Madison County Chapter of Blacks in Government awarded \$500 scholarships to two graduating high school seniors. The winners are Chasidy Ford, a Johnson High graduate who will attend Alabama A&M University; and Valosica Gardner, a Sparkman High graduate who will attend Grambling. "These honorees have achieved personal/professional goals and/or have made outstanding contributions to their communities," a prepared release said. "These two young African American students are of high moral character and dedicated to making a better America."



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#### On dean's list...

Stacy George, an engineering technician at Test Area 2 for the Amtec Corporation, has been selected to have his biography published in the 22nd annual edition of The National Dean's List, 1998-99. He is also automatically eligible to compete for a \$1,000 scholarship from the \$50,000 to be awarded this year. George, honored May 6 as the most outstanding student in political science at Calhoun Community College, was nominated for the national dean's list by Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society.

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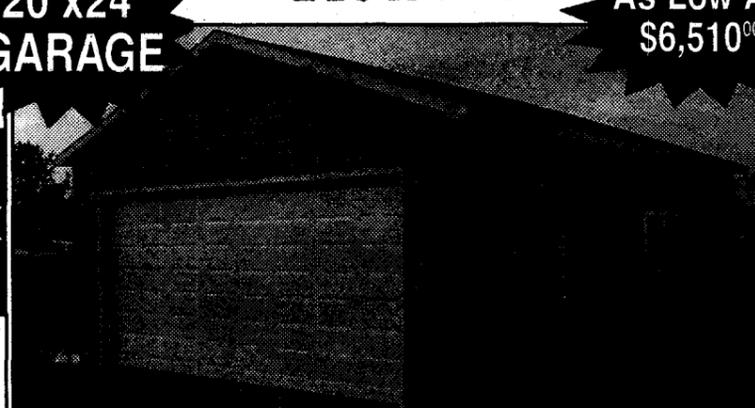
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## Autos/Trucks



'98 Acura 2.5 TL. Leather seats, CD player, great car, have to sell, got a company car. 519-6867.

'98 Mercury Villager. 19,800 mi., quad seats, loaded, exceptional. Must sell. \$17,600 obo. 728-5731.

'97 Ford Taurus GL. Exc. cond., 4 dr., auto., power, new tires, non-smoker. Firestone inspected. See at S. Parkway lot. \$8,995. 883-1510.

'97 Geo Prizm. Like new, 4 Dr., 5 sp., cruise, factory warranty, 34K mi., \$9,400 firm. 837-9371.

'97 Honda Accord EX. Black / gray leather interior, V6, auto, air, CD, full power, 1 owner, service records, 29K mi. \$17,500. (256) 778-9325.

'96 Buick Regal Custom. 4 dr., 6 cyl., maroon, terrific cond. 39K miles, great driving. NADA over \$13K ours \$10,500. 880-8681.

'96 Ford Explorer. 32K mi., leather seats, like new, many extras. 534-6511.

'96 Ford XLT Ranger. 22K mi., 5 sp., alloy wheels, bedliner, cassette, blue, great shape. \$10,200. Steve, 721-7603.

'96 Lincoln Towncar. Executive, leather, 48K mi., gray w/gray interior, extended warranty for 75,000 miles. \$19,500 obo. 859-2797.

'96 Nissan Altima. Loaded, beautifully maintained, 4 dr., auto., PD, PW, charcoal gray. \$10,500. 837-9371.

'95 Cadillac DeVille. V8, 4 dr. sedan, low miles. \$11,975. 828-8831.

'94 Cutlass Supreme SL. 2 dr., red w/gray leather interior, new tires, well maintained, spoiler, 70K mi. \$7,500 obo. (256) 721-0402.

'94 Explorer Sport. Exc. cond. 2 Dr., 93K mi., 2WD, PW, PL, sunroof, auto., CD. \$8,900. 895-9645.

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'93 Plymouth Grand Voyager LE. 3.3L V6. Power everything, white w/woodgrain ext. trim, gray int. 4 captains chairs, well cared for, many new parts, 85K hwy. mi. Retails at \$9,500 asking \$8,500. 859-0028.

'92 Mercedes 190E. White exterior / light gray interior. Gorgeous car. Average retail \$12,000 asking \$9,900. 101K mi. 883-6894.

'92 Pontiac Bonneville. 4 dr., auto., air, cruise, power, alloy wheels, newer tires, 128K mi. \$4,500. 533-9270.

'91 S-10 truck, 2.8L V6, air, sliding rear window, tilt, 5 sp., 125K mi., exc. cond. \$3,000. 430-0864.

'90 Volvo 740. Exc. cond., 2nd owner, burgundy with black leather, PS, PW, PDL, cruise, stereo, air, sunroof, \$5,995. 828-1282.

'89 Acura Legend Coupe. 5 sp., 1 owner, very low miles. 828-7309.

'89 Cav. Z-24 convertible. Gray, rebuilt V6, auto, air. \$4,000. 881-1030.

'88 Mazda Se5 automatic. SWB, air, fog lamps, loaded, stereo, 126K mi., exc. cond. \$3,150. 895-0679 after 5 pm.

'86 Audi 5000. Turbo, exc. cond. 772-8327.

'81 Dodge customized van. SWB, 6 cyl., 4 sp., overdrive, air, cruise, C/B, good shape, runs well. \$2,195 obo. 881-3622.

'77 Classic Cadillac. Appraised \$6,500 sell for \$4,000, exc. cond. 721-9247.

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'79 Mini-motorhome. Fiberglass body, generator, holding tank, bath, stove, refrigerator, air, microwave. \$3,200. 880-1678.

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

Jet Ski. '95 Kawasaki and trailer. 2 person, great condition, low hrs. Comes complete and ready to enjoy. 882-6155.

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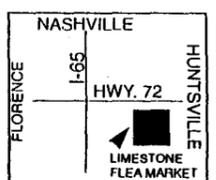
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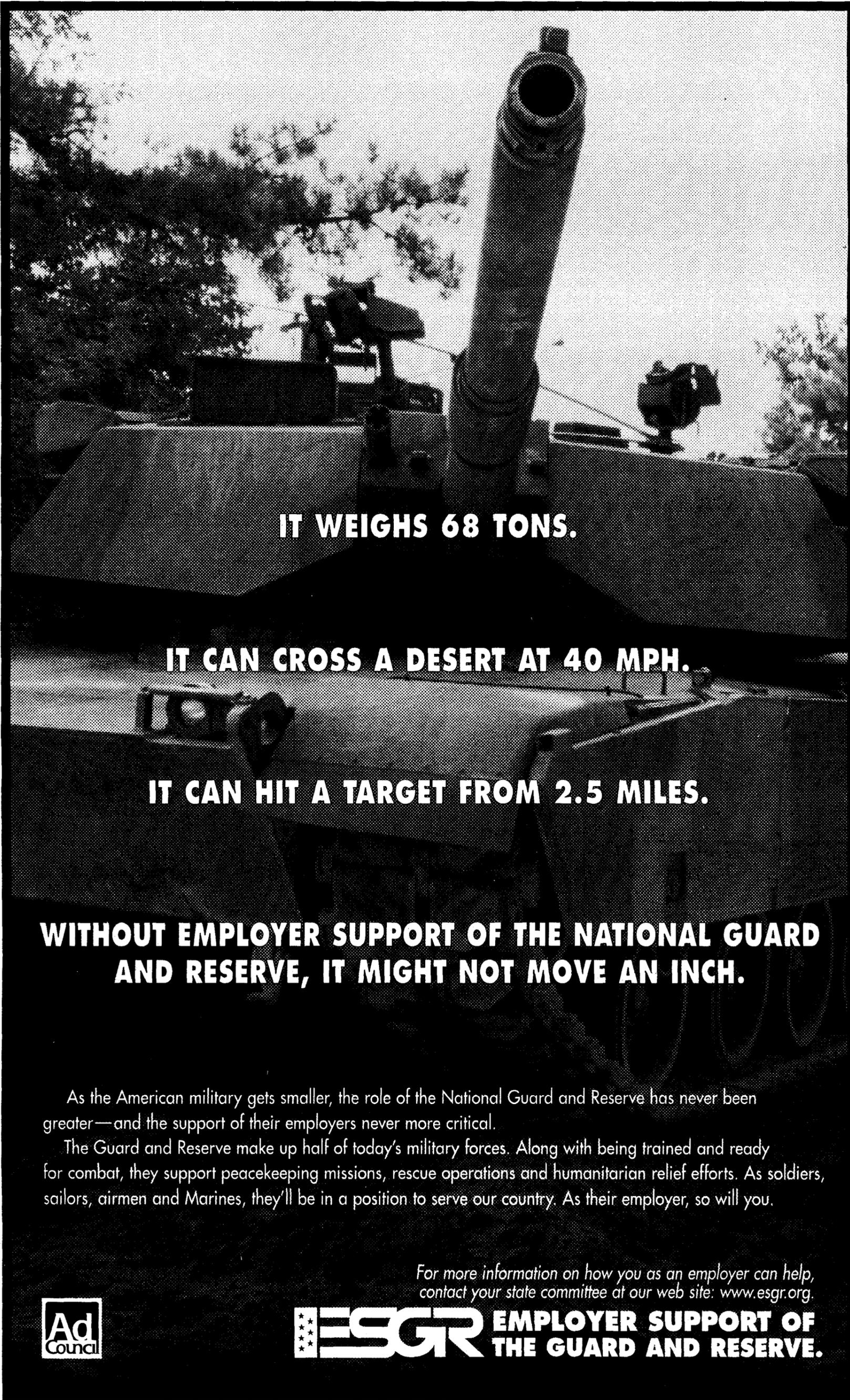
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