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## First commander of AMCOM ready to pass the torch Gibson leaving for Washington, D.C. with new assignment at Pentagon

By Skip Vaughn

July 1997 was a time of transition for Redstone Arsenal and the newly-created Aviation and Missile Command. AMCOM was formed by the merger of the Aviation and Troop Command in St. Louis with the Missile Command here. Maj. Gen. Emmitt Gibson, who had served as the ATCOM commander, assumed the leadership role.

Two years later, Gibson's assignment is done. He's ready to pass the torch to his successor.

At 4 p.m. Friday, Maj. Gen. Julian "Al" Sullivan Jr. will succeed Gibson as commander of AMCOM and Redstone Arsenal.

The ceremony will be held in the courtyard of the Sparkman Center. Gibson will become the vice director for force structure, resources and assessment at the Joint Staff in Washington, D.C.

"Gen. Gibson has been very supportive of all of our ACS initiatives," Sue Paddock, chief of Army Community Service, said. "Throughout the time that I've worked with him, he's shown a true caring for soldiers and their families and for the quality of life at Redstone Arsenal."

"Working with Gen. Gibson has been a very rewarding experience," Al Schwartz, chief of the AMCOM Public Affairs Office, said. "Putting together two diverse commands while taking care of people and performing an important mission takes vision and attention to detail... attributes that are quite evident. He is a fair, honest and straightforward leader and has an understanding and appreciation for maintaining a strong relationship with local community leaders."

Col. Clifton Broderick, AMCOM chief of staff, said Gibson set the foundation for this command's future.

"His leadership and his dedication to



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**IN THE BEGINNING**— Gibson arrives at a reception shortly after taking command in 1997. At right is his wife, Mary.

doing the right thing for this command will be sorely missed," Broderick said. "He assumed the tough job of merging the two commands. And as the first AMCOM commander, he has done a magnificent job in accomplishing the goals and the vision that was set out in 1997. He has established the baseline from which AMCOM will continue to grow."

Adding a personal message for his outgoing commander, Broderick said, "Boss, hooah! Hooah!"

Gibson is sitting at the conference table in his fifth-floor office at AMCOM headquarters when a visitor arrives for a scheduled appointment. He smiles warmly and invites his guest to a seat at the table. In the final days of his tenure as commanding gen-

eral, Gibson is asked how he feels about leaving. He looks toward the window with the sun shining in. After a long moment, he gives his answer. "I'm very disappointed to leave because it's been such a great assignment and I've enjoyed working with the folks here at Redstone Arsenal and in the

local civilian communities," Gibson said.

"I'm very proud of what the people have accomplished in two years, especially given the downsizing that continues. The folks of AMCOM should be very proud of the fact that they were able to simultaneously activate AMCOM, complete the ATCOM BRAC, and accomplish the command's mission."

Looking ahead, the 55-year-old North Carolina native said his personal plans are "to make the transition back to the Pentagon and continue to serve the Department of Defense, this time on the Joint Staff."

Gibson had this departing message for Team Redstone and the local communities: "The message I would like to leave with them is that I have found the relationship between the military and civilian communities to be the best that I have experienced in my career. This is a wonderful community in which to live and work. And Mary and I leave with many fond memories that we will cherish."

He and his wife, Mary, have two children, Mary Anna Jordan and Frank Gibson.

Is there a chance that after Gibson completes his military career, and most likely subsequent employment, that he would some day return to live here?

"It certainly is an attractive area," he answered. "And Mary and I will give it some thought."

### Parking plan set for command event

The parking stalls directly in front of building 5300 will be blocked off from 3-5 p.m. Friday 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.

Completing tour...

## General's wife will miss Redstone Arsenal community



Photo by Skip Vaughn

**FOND FAREWELL**— Gibson, right, greets well-wishers at the receiving line during her farewell reception.

By Skip Vaughn

Leaving Redstone Arsenal isn't easy for Mary Gibson.

Gibson, wife of Maj. Gen. Emmitt Gibson, will miss the friends she has made during her two years here. The general is completing his tour as post commander and the Gibsons are heading to Washington, D.C. for his new assignment.

"I'm very sad," she said of leaving. "This is tough. This has been a nice area to live in."

The Officer and Civilian Women's Club held a farewell reception for Gibson on June 28 at the Redstone Arsenal Club. She served as the group's honorary president.

"She has worked tirelessly to get things done," Karen Lake, OCWC president, said. "No task was too large or

two small to get her attention."

Besides her volunteer work on post, Gibson served on the Burrill Museum board in Huntsville. Mayor Loretta Spencer was among the approximately 100 well-wishers at the receiving line and reception.

"Our loss is Washington's gain," Lake told Gibson. "And we wish you and General Gibson all the best and Godspeed in your new assignment."

Gibson expressed her appreciation to the Redstone community and said she will always remember her friends here.

"The friendships here have been the best part of being a military spouse, and I'm going to miss all of you," she said. "I love all of you dearly. And take care. We'll be in touch."

## Letters To The Editor

### Johnson High

To all the supporting parents, students, principal, teachers, staff and volunteers at J.O. Johnson High School: Keep doing what you're doing!

Johnson is slowly but surely heading in the right direction. I have immensely enjoyed working with each and everyone of you. Your dedication and support will pay off. Jeremiah 32:17 says "Thou hast made the heaven and the earth by thy great power— and there is nothing too hard for thee."

Johnson is a challenge we will win. Some are trying to make this a trial for us. It's a test. Let's take it and pass, and get on about business! Dr. Booker, your dedication to our students does not go unnoticed. Even under the threat of being fired if the grades did not improve, you performed your duties in an exemplary manner. We are very proud of you. To the teachers, we are fully aware of the hard knocks you've taken while in duty serving our children. Keep the faith. Jeremiah 31:16 says "Keep your voice from weeping, and your eyes from tears; for your work shall be rewarded." We love and support you in all you do.

To the janitorial and maintenance staff, thank you for a safe, clean and beautiful building. Your work does not go unnoticed. Kudos to each of you for your dedication and attention to detail. To the cafeteria staff, you have done a marvelous job working within financial constraints. Thanks for coming in early and staying late. Those of us who prefer our students eating at school appreciate all you do.

To the support staff— secretaries, clerical/attendance aides, computer lab techs, bookkeepers, systems operators, librarians, counselors, coaches and athletic director — thanks for all you do. To the assistant principals, you're the glue that holds it all together. Thanks for coming in early and staying late. Thanks for dealing with the problems in a fair and decisive way. Thanks for being on the firing line and staying steadfast in your duties.

To the students, remember you are a child of the king. Therefore, walk, talk and act like princes and princesses. Do not be dismayed. Psalms 43:5 says "Why are you cast down, Oh my soul, and why are you disquieted within me? Hope in God, for I shall again praise Him, my help and my God."

You know what you've got to do. A collaborative effort on all our parts spells SUCCESS! Isaiah 55:12 says "For you shall go out in joy, and be led forth in peace, the mountains and the hills before you shall break forth into singing and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands." Can you hear the singing and music in this valley? You will be victorious!

Thanks to the Parents, Teachers and Students Association. I have finally found out the measuring stick everyone uses to say whether we have parental involvement— membership in the state PTSA. Well, parents I will be looking for the \$2 from each of you who worked hard in our school, but did not sign up. If this amount is wrong, I will be corrected before the start of school. All the work and involvement you have had in our school activities were negated because some did not have the membership card. Keep doing what you're doing. I have thoroughly enjoyed working with each of you. I loved you laughing at my jokes even when they were terrible. I loved cheering at the games with each of you. I loved helping the referees ref and the coaches coach. Thanks for joining in the cheers and supporting our children. Thanks to the parents of the J.O. Johnson Marine Corps Junior ROTC cadets. I loved working with each of you in the concession stands at Alabama A&M football games. To the Johnson Athletic Group, you are the best booster club any school could ask for. Keep up the good work.

I know I have failed to recognize some, but believe you are thanked in my heart daily. Thanks, J.O. Johnson family, I look forward to another school year. Don't forget about our plans for a "throw down" homecoming in October.

**Janice Isbell**  
Johnson High parent

### American Legion

The American Legion is a membership organization made up of veterans. We maintain our membership by good publicity, also favorable publicity.

Recently when four Redstone Arsenal soldiers lost their homes to fire, no one acknowledged that the American Legion Post 237 donated \$200 to each household. During the Army Emergency Relief campaign no one mentioned the American Legion Post 237 donated \$100, while the Eagles and VFW received public recognition.

In 1997 the American Legion Post 237 donated over \$93,000 to veterans and community through charitable contributions.

Yes, we are good; however, we should not have to ring our own bell.

**Roy L. Hall**  
Retired CSM

### Veterans support

This letter is written on behalf of the veterans who reside at Floyd E. "Tut" Fann State Veterans Home.

I would like to publicly thank the many organizations from Redstone Arsenal that have supported Huntsville's own State Veterans Home. Through your support of donations of time, clothing, cash and equipment, our veterans enjoy a higher quality of life than would otherwise be possible.

These organizations include: the classes from the NCO Academy who have contributed by visiting and dining with our residents, conducting the posting of the colors, and Veterans Day activities; the Thrift Shop by donating gift certificates for clothing and dollars to purchase clothing; the Officer and Civilian Women's Club (OCWC) for their cash donation; and the Bicentennial Chapel for inviting the veterans to Sunday services, pot-luck dinners, and sponsoring bingo activities at the Veterans Home. If I have neglected to mention other supporters, I apologize, and request that you notify me so we may acknowledge your contributions.

We have veterans that have served in every major conflict from World War II through Desert Storm, and currently there is one World War I applicant on our waiting list. They served in the Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Air Force, and Coast Guard. Some have families that visit daily, weekly, monthly, and some have no family.

The State Veterans Homes are one way the State of Alabama recognizes its veterans. We welcome your participation in the activities, or just come by and visit with some of our residents. It may make their day.

**Edward P. Stevens**  
Representative,  
State Department of Veterans Affairs

## Note from the editor: Newspaper contract

Readers of the Redstone Rocket will notice some changes beginning with the July 14 edition.

That will be the first issue under The Huntsville Times, which has been awarded the contract to publish our weekly newspaper. The editorial office phone numbers remain the same— 876-1500 and fax 955-9138 — but the advertising phone numbers will change.



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We look forward to continuing to serve the Army and the Redstone community each week.

**Skip Vaughn**  
Rocket editor

## Redstone Rocket

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After various tasks...

# Post Soldier/NCO of the Year get their crowns in July

By Skip Vaughn

Who is Redstone's best of the best this year? Stay tuned until July 23.

That's when the Post Soldier of the Year and Post NCO of the Year will be announced at an 11 a.m. luncheon at the Redstone Arsenal Club. The annual luncheon is held during the local community's Armed Forces Celebration Week.

The eight candidates— including five for Soldier of the Year and three for NCO of

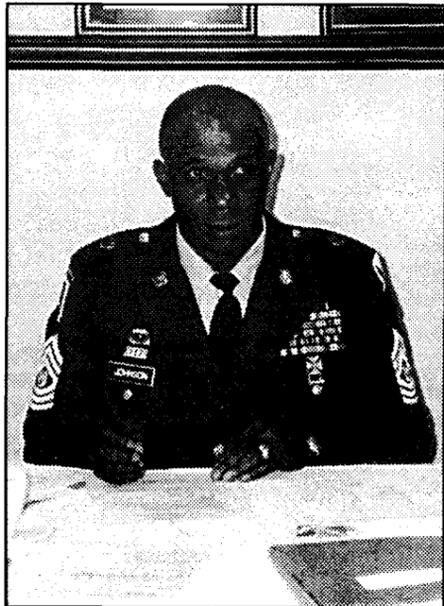


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**BOARD IN SESSION— CSM Roscoe Johnson presides as the board interviews each candidate June 30.**

the Year — competed last week in various tasks. They are all winners of Post Soldier of the Month or NCO of the Quarter titles since last August. Some of the past year's honorees aren't competing because they left for other installations or got promoted.

"I think that everybody here is pretty professional," Sgt. Carlos Varon, NCO honoree for the first quarter, said of the candidates. "And I welcome the chance to get to be able to compete with people of such caliber. I'll give it my best shot."

Last week's competition included a written exam, Common Task Training test, physical fitness test, land navigation, and a board appearance.

"They have a five-point, land navigation course that they have to complete in three hours," SFC Michael Foote, committee chairman, said. Each candidate appeared June 30 before a board of mostly sergeants major led by post CSM Roscoe Johnson.

Soldier of the Year candidates include Spec. Arvin Dewberry of MEDDAC, winner for March; Spec. Richard Charles of HHC AMCOM, winner for May; Spec. Quentin Young of HHC AMCOM, winner for October; Spec. Mark Kramer of HHC AMCOM, winner for April; and Spec. Gerson Ramirez



Photo by Skip Vaughn

**BREAK TIME— Spec. Arvin Dewberry, left, and Spec. Richard Charles talk after tak-**

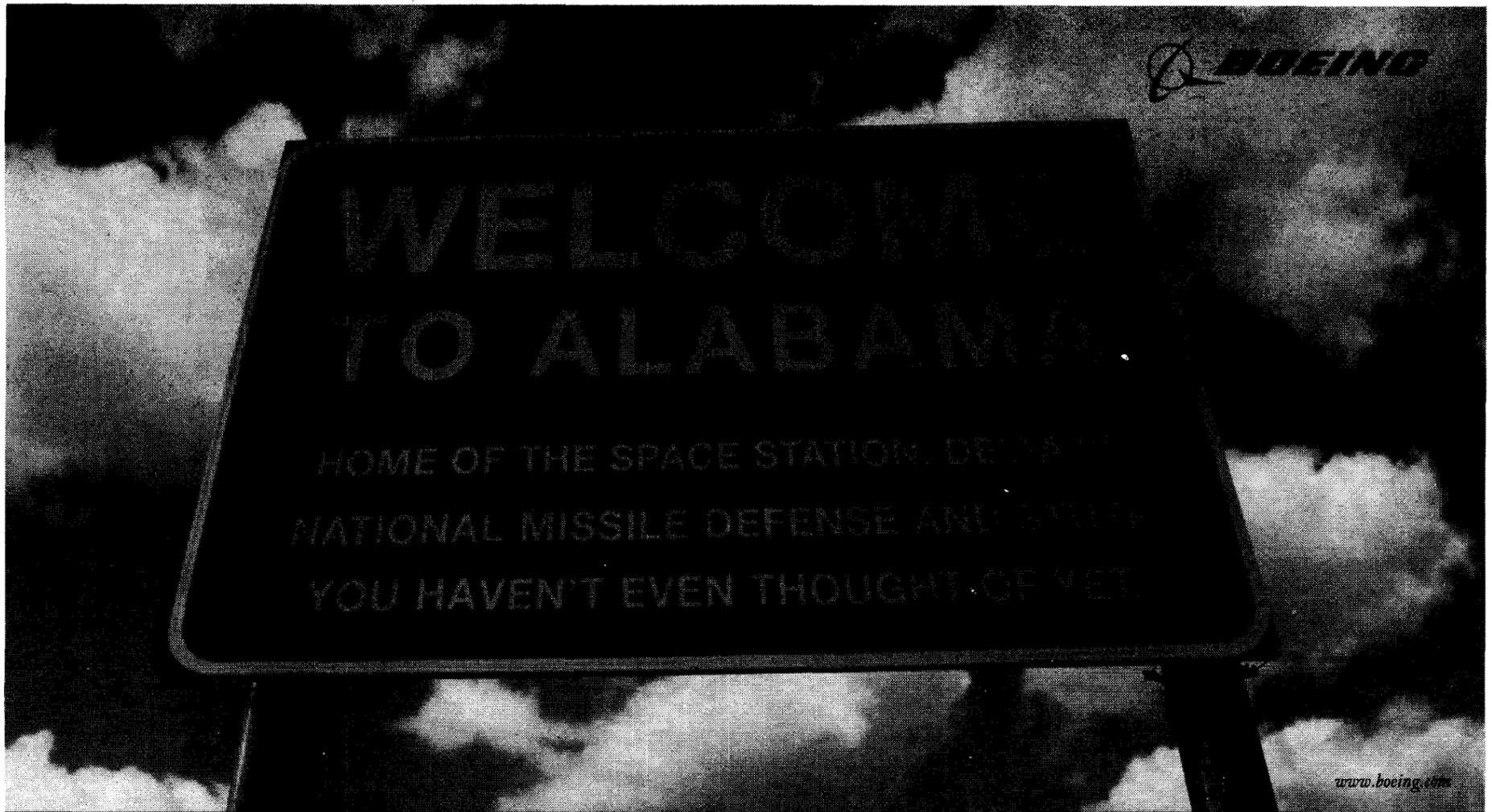
of MEDDAC, winner for August.

NCO of the Year candidates include Sgt. Angela Wiley of 95th Maintenance Company, winner for third quarter; Sgt. Carlos Varon of HHC AMCOM, first quarter; and SSgt. Ramon Blanco of D Company, 832nd Ordnance Battalion, fourth quarter.

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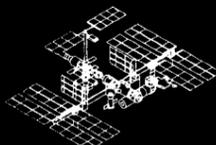
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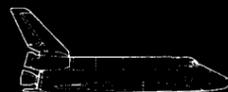
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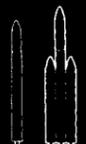
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Proving military knowledge...

# Post NCO of Quarter welcomes opportunity from title

By Skip Vaughn

The computer enthusiast enjoyed this luncheon program. SSgt. Ramon Blanco, who lists computers among his hobbies, was named Post NCO of the Quarter at a luncheon June 17. He is a member of D Company, 832nd Ordnance Battalion.

Also recognized was PFC James Clement, the Post Sol-

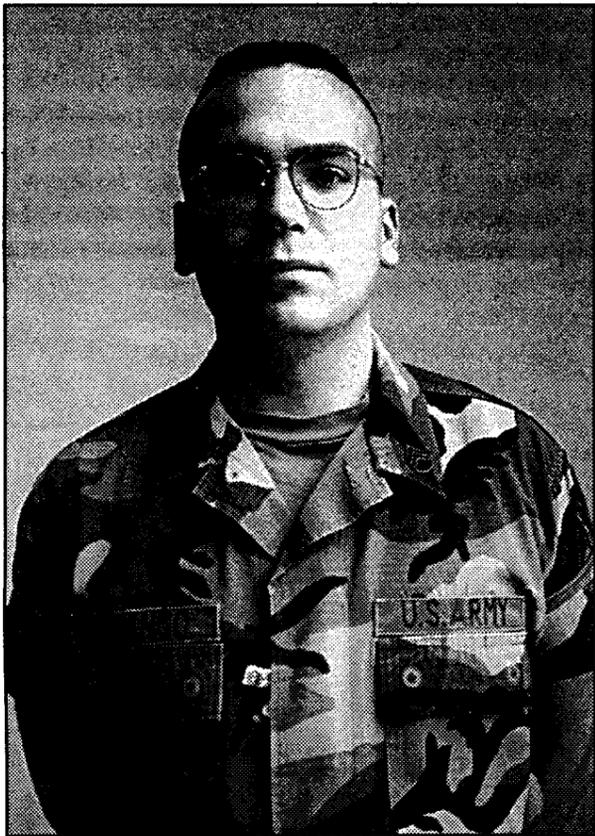


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BLANCO

dier of the Month for June. Clement, who has left for Korea, was a member of B Company.

As the fourth-quarter honoree, Blanco is eligible for the Post NCO of the Year competition. This year's winner will be announced July 23.

"I think it's a great opportunity to prove myself as far as my military knowledge," Blanco said.

At 27 he has been in the Army four and a half years. The San Juan, Puerto Rico native arrived at Redstone in June 1998.

Blanco and his wife, Maria, have a son, Ramon Antonio, 5, and daughter, Mariangie, 5.

Besides computers his hobbies include hiking and camping. "And I'm starting to learn how to play racquetball," Blanco added.

"My plans as far as the future is: continue for the next few years at Redstone as an instructor/writer while at the same time completing an associates degree in computer science (at Calhoun College)," he said, "and continue to improve myself seeking promotion."



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SSgt. Jennifer Gamble, shown with her 9-year-old daughter, died June 28 near gate 1 when her car was swept away by flood waters. She was 29.

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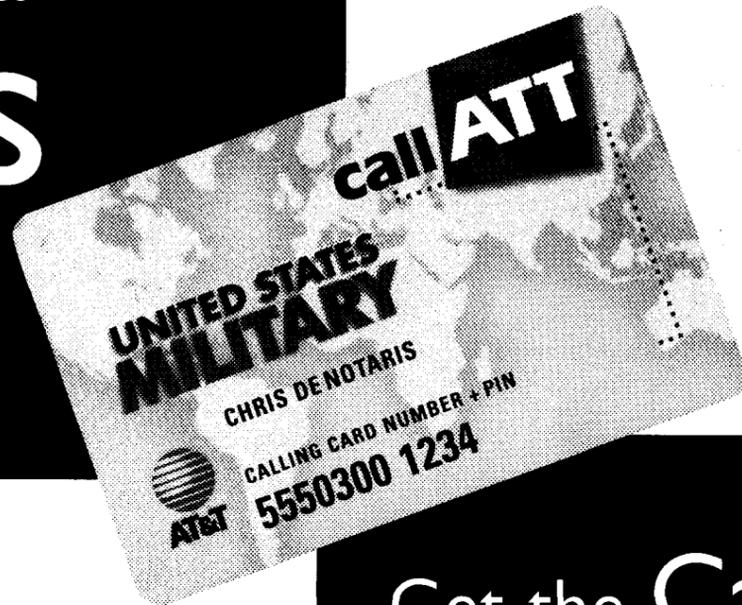


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Defining moment...

# Webster assumes command of CCAWS Project Office

By June Johns

You'll be seeing a new face in the position of project manager for the Close Combat Anti-Armor Weapon Systems (CCAWS) Project Office.

Stepping up to the helm is Col. Cecil Webster, who officially took command June 28. Relinquishing the position during this ceremony was Col. Roger Carter. Carter will become an acquisition career management officer at the Pentagon.

During the 30-minute ceremony Col. John Holly, program executive officer for tactical missiles, recognized the achievements of both men.

He thanked Carter for his "dedication during trying and successful times," noting that he was "deserving of (the) awards and recognitions he has received."

In regards to the incoming project manager, Holly welcomed Webster to the fold, stating he was "the right man for the job at this time," and that "expectations are very high... as we move into the 21st century." Holly also noted that this will be Webster's third tour of duty in Huntsville.

Carter was presented with the medal of the Order of Saint Maurice, the patron saint of the Infantry.

Seated in the front row, and presented with bouquets of red roses in honor of the occasion, were the spouses of Webster and Carter, Marsha and Connie, respectively. Also on hand for the ceremony was Webster's son, Cecil Jr.

In an emotion-packed speech, Carter expressed how much the CCAWS team meant to him, and informed Webster that he will be working with "people who want to do great things for the Army."

The CCAWS Project Office manages a number of anti-armor missile and target acquisition systems. Current missile systems include TOW 2, TOW 2A and TOW 2B. CCAWS-managed target acquisition systems include the Improved Target Acquisition System (ITAS), the Improved Bradley Acquisition Subsystem (IBAS), and the Bradley A0 and A2 subsystems. CCAWS is also responsible for managing



Photo by June Johns

**NEW COMMANDER—** Carter, left, officially turns over command of CCAWS project manager to Webster, right. Holly, center, officiated this change of charter ceremony.

related ancillary Bradley TOW subsystems items and for preliminary work on the TOW Fire and Forget missile system and developing the Line-of-Sight Anti-Tank (LOSAT) weapon system.

Webster is a native of Bryan, Texas, and a 1976 magna cum laude and distinguished military graduate of Prairie View A&M University. He was commissioned as a second lieutenant upon graduation and entered the Army in May 1976 as an Infantry officer.

Webster's initial assignment was with the 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault) where he served as rifle platoon leader, company and battalion mortar platoon leader, and company commander. He then began the transition to technical fields and the Army's Acquisition Corps with his first assignment being a one-year tour at the Army Engineer School at Fort Belvoir, Va., where he attended the Engineer Officer Advanced Course and served as an adjunct instructor of Soils Engineering for both the Engineer Officer Basic and Advanced Courses. This was followed by assignments as assistant professor of engineering

at the U.S. Military Academy, and as a combat developments staff officer at headquarters Training and Doctrine Command, Fort Monroe, Va. He also served as deputy director of the Kinetic Energy Weapons Directorate in the Strategic Defense Command in Huntsville, and as commander of the Army Research, Development and Standardization Group in Ottawa, Ontario, Canada. Webster's last Huntsville assignment was as product manager for a \$50 million tactical air defense launcher system for the Theater High Altitude Area Defense (THAAD) program. His most recent assignment has been director, system test and evaluation, National Missile Defense Joint Program Office, Ballistic Missile Defense Organization, the Pentagon.

Webster holds an undergraduate degree in civil engineering from Prairie View and a master's degree in civil engineering from Texas A&M University. His military education includes the Engineer Officer Advanced Course and the Army War College. Webster has been awarded the Army's Meritorious Service Medal with five oak leaf clusters, the Army Commendation

Medal, the Air Assault Badge, and the Parachutist Badge.

He and his wife, Marsha, have one son, Cecil Jr., who will attend Morehouse College in the fall.

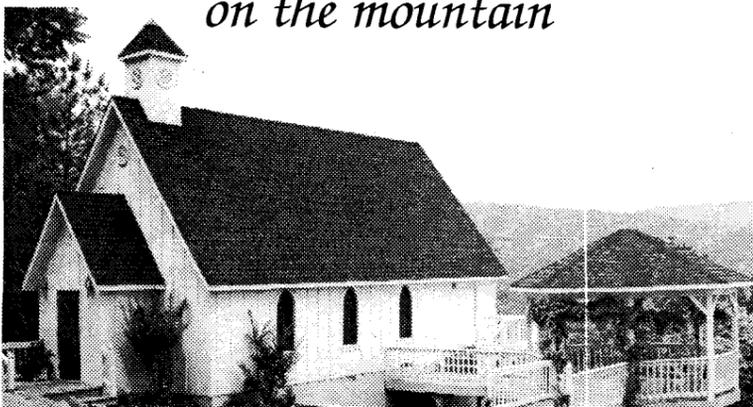
Carter was born in Lawrence, Kan., on Feb. 18, 1950. He graduated from the University of Kansas in 1975 and was commissioned as a second lieutenant in the Ordnance Corps on Jan. 4, 1976.

He has held a wide variety of positions in both the Ordnance and Army Acquisition Corps. Carter was initially assigned to the 3rd Infantry Division in Germany where he served as platoon leader, shop officer, battalion adjutant and commanded Company D, 703rd Maintenance Battalion. Following his tour in Germany, Carter began his acquisition career with an assignment as a combat development officer at the Ordnance Center. His acquisition assignments include tours in the Chaparral and Advanced Antitank Weapons Systems project offices, assignments officer at PERSCOM, and DA staff officer, Missile Systems Branch, OASA (RDA). He later served as the product manager, Missile and Systems Integration, Line-of-Sight Antitank (LOSAT) Project Office. Carter completed an assignment as chief, military acquisition management branch, Army Personnel Command, Washington, D.C., prior to his assignment as project manager, CCAWS Project Office. He will return to Washington as the director, acquisition career management, Office of the Assistant Secretary of the Army (Acquisition, Logistics and Technology).

Carter holds an undergraduate degree in electrical engineering from the University of Kansas and a master's degree in electronics engineering from the Air Force Institute of Technology. His military education includes the Command and Staff College, the Army War College (University of Texas fellowship), and the Project Managers Course. Carter has been awarded the Legion of Merit, the Meritorious Service Medal with five oak leaf clusters, and the Army Commendation Medal. Carter's wife, Connie, is originally from San Antonio.

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“We were taking them all except American Express. We now accept American Express; it has been added,” Alicia Washington, customer service supervisor for the Commissary, said.

The holdup on American Express acceptance was not at the Defense Commissary Agency (DeCA), which runs 293 military grocery stores worldwide. Many customers had requested it. Although stores have been taking the other cards for some time now, American Express and the U.S. Treasury have been in long term discussions about fees. Credit cards save the Treasury money by providing immediate cash flow. But fees the card companies charge can eat up those savings.

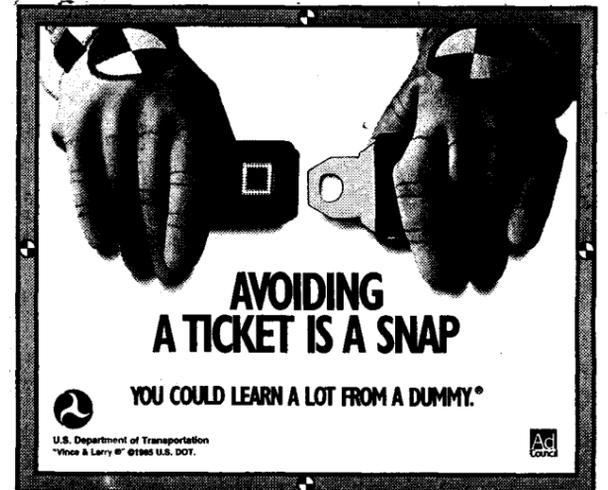
“Quite simply,” said Greg Kochuba, DeCA’s Credit Card project manager, “the Treasury Department would not approve the use of American Express because of the company’s high fees. Now that they’ve agreed with Treasury to lower their fees, we can take just about anything but



Diner’s Club in the commissaries.”

Kochuba said commissaries are selling groceries purchased with credit/debit cards at the rate of 1.1 million transactions per month. That translates to about \$75 million per month in sales. About 20 percent of DeCA’s sales are now credit/debit, he says, and that figure is likely to increase with American Express coming online.

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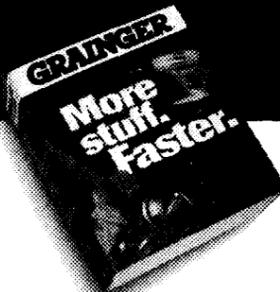
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Stressing safety...

# NTSB chairman focuses on highways and waterways

By June Johns

Many parents unwittingly issue a death sentence for their children through improper installation of child safety seats in their vehicles, according to James E. Hall, chairman of the National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB).

Hall was in town Thursday to make a presentation at Sparkman Auditorium as part of Redstone Arsenal's annual safety awareness campaign. Traffic crashes are the leading cause of death for children, according to Hall.

"Twenty-four children under the age of 10 die every week in automobile crashes; a thousand more per day are injured," he said. Seat belts and child safety restraints "are among the most effective safety features in a vehicle."

Unfortunately, "child safety restraints are misused 80 percent of the time," Hall declared. Even when parents said they read the instruction manual and thought the child safety seat was properly installed, mistakes were still made.

Hall's recommendation to parents was to find someone who regularly inspects installation of these seats and have them double check it for you. He added that the NTSB has recommended that a multiple number of fitting locations, which would provide such services, be situated throughout the United States. He commented that Chrysler-Daimler has committed to doing so at their dealerships starting next year, and stated he is working with other car manufacturers to do the same.

Hall also cautioned that children should be seated in the back of a car, due to recent deaths caused by air bags inflating on children sitting in front seats. He went on to emphasize that auto manufacturers must now design safer back seats, commenting "I don't think parents would like to know they are sitting in a safer location in their car than their children."

Yet another unsafe feature on our nation's highways are large trucks. Though these trucks represent only 3 percent of vehicles on the road, they account for 1 out of every 11 traffic accidents.

Hall said he would like to see commercial use of the Army's "collision warning systems" on such vehicles.

Another "recipe for disaster" that Hall focused on during his presentation is the use of water-related equipment, such as jet skis, by inexperienced, first-time users. He cautioned that users should "complete a safe boating course before engaging in (these) recreational activities," and warned that adults and young children should always wear flotation devices in the water.

Excessive speed limits for water-related vehicles is another area of concern. Hall noted that jet skis can go as fast as 60 mph, which substantially reduces the time avail-

able to avoid critical collisions and accidents.

Hall has been chairman of the NTSB since the summer of 1994, heading up an agency he refers to as the "eyes and ears of the American taxpayer."

He noted that this governmental agency "costs less than 13 cents per person. (The NTSB's) total budget would fund the Army for seven hours and the Department of Defense for 90 minutes," Hall said.

Since its inception in 1967, the NTSB has investigated well over 100,000 serious accidents. It is considered one of the world's premier accident investigation agencies. They have issued almost 10,000 recommendations — and 80 percent of these have been put in place, according to Hall



Photo by June Johns

**WORDS OF WARNING—** Hall covers highway and water-related precautions to take during his safety awareness presentation.

— which have resulted in many of the safety features currently incorporated into airplanes, automobiles, trains, pipelines and marine vessels.

During Hall's chairmanship, the NTSB has investigated infamous accidents such as the ValuJet DC-9 that crashed in Miami, killing 110 people; the USAir 737 that crashed in Pittsburgh, killing 132; and the TWA 747 that crashed in New York, causing the loss of 230 lives.

This agency has also launched investigations into the deadly Amtrak accident in Illinois, the casino bus crash in Louisiana, the amphibious tour boat sinking in Arkansas, and the gas explosion that leveled the downtown portion of Bridgeport.

Hall served as the chairman of the Board of Inquiry for public hearings on several major accidents, including the TWA flight 800 mid-air explosion off Long Island.

Hall was appointed a member of the NTSB in October 1993, and became chairman in June 1994.

Prior to his appointment to the board, Hall served on the staff of Sen. Al Gore Sr., and as counsel to the Senate Subcommittee on Intergovernmental Relations. He received a law degree from the University of Tennessee and practiced law in Chattanooga. While serving in the Army, he earned a Bronze Star for meritorious service in Vietnam.

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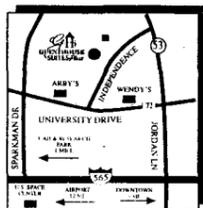
  
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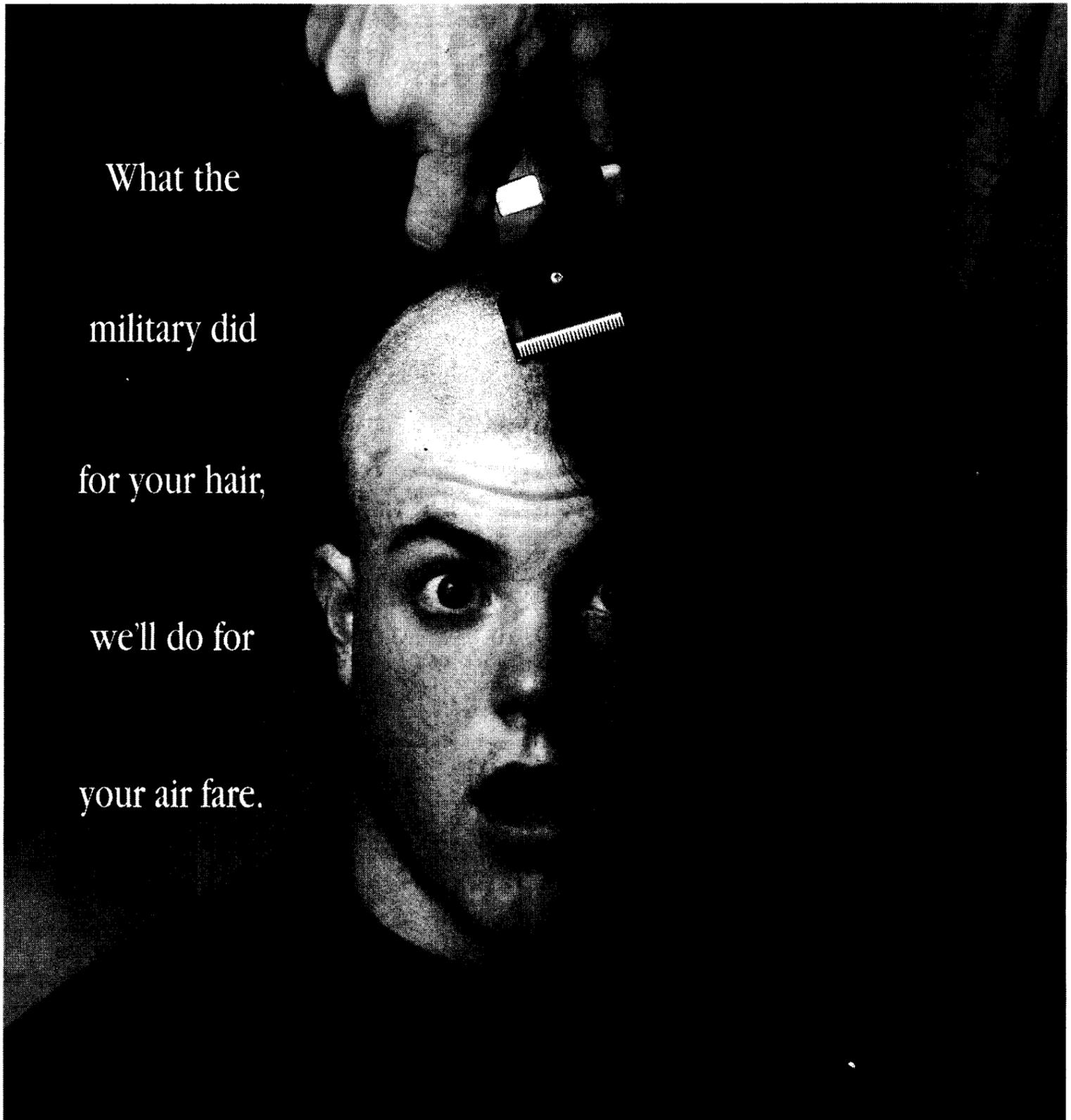
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Prevention is key to safety...

# Arsenal police offer safety tips for home, work and play

by Sandy Riebeling

Ah, summer. It's time for bikes, water sports, sparkling holidays and that long awaited family vacation. But in the midst of all the splashing, playing and planning, remember to play it safe.

Redstone Arsenal Police Chief Ellis Andrew offered safety tips for everything from driving to fire prevention to self protection in an effort to prevent summer tragedies.

"I guess the one problem that really gets me here at the Arsenal is driving," Ellis said. "Inattentive driving causes 90 percent of preventable accidents. People could save themselves a lot of trouble just by paying attention to what they're doing. Put down the cell phone, look before backing out of a parking space, stop at the stop signs and lights, obey the speed limits. These are all easy things to do."

### Driving safety

First and foremost, always buckle seat belts. All children under the age of 6 should ride in a child passenger safety seat. Be sure the seat is installed properly. Never put an infant in the front passenger seat of a vehicle with a passenger side air bag. Children under 12 should ride in the back seat whenever possible. If children must ride in the front seat, be sure to put the largest child in the front passenger seat using the proper restraints and move the vehicle seat as far back from the dashboard as possible.

Make sure the vehicle undergoes regular service maintenance. Follow manufacture's suggestion for oil changes and routine maintenance.

Be prepared for the unexpected. Keep extra water in the vehicle and make sure the spare tire is in good shape. Know how to change a tire or have road service phone numbers handy.

"On long road trips, put a cooler in the car with some food and drinks in case you get stranded," Andrew said. "Plan plenty of time to get to your destination."

Drinking and driving—don't do it. Have a designated driver. Responsible party hosts should offer non-alcoholic drinks.

### On the job

"There are approximately 30,000 people on the Arsenal, not counting visitors," Andrew said. "Don't leave personal belongings like brief cases, boxes, purses unattended in public areas. They will have to be treated as suspect packages, which can cost the government a lot of money. Be careful to keep these items with you."

Wear security badges at all times and report any suspicious activity to the Provost Marshal Office.

### Home safety

There are more than 2.9 million burglaries every year. Keep your home safe with common sense safety tips.

Have good locks on all doors and use them. Don't hide keys outside the door. If you can hide it, a burglar can find it. Don't let strangers into your home or give personal information on the phone. Store ladders inside and keep garage doors shut. Have outdoor lighting and leave a light on when the house is vacant.

Vacations are a special concern this time of year. It's important to stop all deliveries or have someone pick up deliveries daily. Notify the police when you leave town so they will know to keep an eye on the property if possible. Don't pull shades or blinds to indicate that the house is vacant. Don't discuss your absence in public or give information about your vacation. Use clock timers to turn on and off certain lights to give the house an occupied look. Ask a trusted friend or neighbor to check in from time to time. In case of a break in, the neighbor should have a number to reach

you and your insurance agent.

### Fire safety

Prevention is the key. Be sure all smoke detectors have good batteries and keep fire extinguishers handy. Maintain chimneys properly, having them cleaned regularly. Never smoke in bed or when you are drowsy. Keep electrical appliances unplugged unless they are being used. Keep all cords away from water.

### Personal protection

Trust your instincts. If you suspect something is wrong, or a situation seems dangerous, you may be right. Don't dismiss suspicious people, cars or situations. Report them to the police immediately.

Avoid dangerous situations. When on the street or out in public, stay alert to those around you. Walk confidently. Stay away from isolated areas, parks and parking lots. Shortcuts can be dangerous. Carry only what you need with you. Carry valuables close to your body and place wallets in a front or inside pocket instead of a purse.

While on travel wait for buses or trains in well-lit areas, near other people. Leave valuables in the hotel safe and always keep your room key with you.

Park your vehicle in well-lit places. Check in, under and around the car before opening the door. Lock doors and roll up windows and keep valuables out of sight, storing them in the trunk if possible. Never

pick up strangers.

If your vehicle breaks down, put on the flashers, raise the hood and tie a cloth to the antenna or outside mirror. Stay in the car with the doors locked and the windows up. If you have a cellular phone, call for help, or ask a stopping motorist to call but talk only through a closed window.

### Recreation

"This time of year we get a lot of calls about fireworks," Andrew said. "Fireworks are strictly prohibited on Redstone Arsenal. If you live off the post and want to set off fireworks, use extreme caution and never let children light them."

Bicycle safety is another summertime fun issue. Helmets should be worn at all times and are required while riding on Arsenal property. Check the bicycle to make sure it is in proper working order. Dress for comfort and safety by wearing bright color and reflective material. Use hand signals and travel single file on the right side of the road, going with the traffic flow. When leaving the bike parked in a public place, be sure to put a lock on it.

Swimming pool safety is another important issue. More than 1,000 people drown and 4,000 are hospitalized due to near-drownings every year. The majority of

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these occur in residential swimming pools.

Never leave children alone or out of sight while they are in the pool. Keep a phone poolside so you won't have to leave children unsupervised to answer a call. Always use approved personal flotation devices, rather than inflatable toys, to keep your children afloat. Stay out of the water during thunderstorms.

If you own a pool, insist that all adults in the family learn CPR. Make sure everyone knows the rules and safety measures and make sure the pool is completely enclosed by a fence that stands at least 4 feet high. Gates should be self-closing and the latch out of a child's reach. Keep patio furniture away from a pool so kids can't climb on to it and boost themselves over the fence. With above ground pools, secure and lock steps and ladders leading from the ground to the pool or remove them completely when the pool is not being used.

"These are just some of the things people can do to keep themselves safe from accidents and crime," Andrew said. "The Provost Marshal's Office working with the community will host America's Night Out Against Crime on Aug. 3. It's a great time for the whole family. We have attendance prizes and lots of stuff for the kids to do."



Photo by June Johns

## Weather alert...

Approximately 60 Redstone Arsenal employees turned out to listen to WAAY-TV weatherman Gary Dobbs on June 30 at the Sparkman Center. Dobbs' presentation on severe weather preparedness was sponsored by the Integrated Materiel Management Center. It was one of many safety awareness presentations offered over the previous two weeks throughout the Arsenal. During his presentation, Dobbs showed a video about the devastating tornado that struck Huntsville on Nov. 15, 1989.

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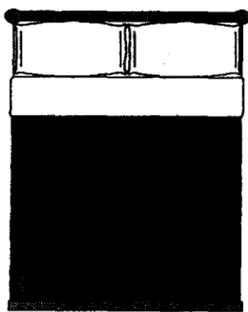


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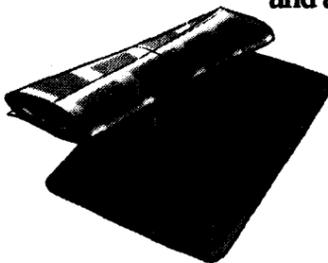
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Among servicemembers...

# Tobacco use still too high, health survey reveals

By Douglas J. Gillert

WASHINGTON— A 1998 survey of health behaviors among active duty servicemembers reveals DoD hasn't cut smoking rates as low as it would like.

Smoking levels dropped just 2 percentage points from the 32 percent level reported in a similar survey conducted three years earlier. Although DoD medical departments continue to propagate smoking cessation programs, a senior health care leader said the medics can't do it alone.

"I think we really need to involve the entire military community," said John Mazzuchi, deputy assistant secretary of defense for health affairs clinical and program policy.

Tobacco use is just one of many health-related behaviors the survey looked at, but it continues to be one of DoD's top health concerns, particularly from a military readiness perspective.

"Smokers are at sick call more than people who are not smoking," Mazzuchi said. "They're not as physically fit, not as able to do all the physical demands on the job when they smoke cigarettes."

### Cessation therapy

Not all military medical facilities offer proven smoking cessation therapy, such as nicotine patches, Mazzuchi said. He'd like to see that change.

"Literature shows that using nicotine replacement therapy, coupled with counseling, is the best way of getting people to stay off cigarettes," he said. "So DoD is examining very carefully how to make that benefit more uniform across our entire military health care system."

"Almost two-thirds of our smokers say they'd like to quit, but many of them have tried and been unsuccessful. We need to do a better job of helping them."

### Periodic surveys

DoD began conducting the health behavior survey in the early 1980s, when officials were alarmed about allegations of illicit drug use by servicemembers. Since then, active duty servicemembers have been surveyed for their lifestyles and health habits about every three years.

Mazzuchi said the department by 1995 had seen marked decreases in bad health habits like drug and alcohol abuse and tobacco use. He attributed the success rates to policies such as random urinalysis programs that backed up and enforced abstinence and reduction messages.

The latest survey shows that illicit drug use has dropped from 27.6 percent in 1980 to 2.7 percent in 1998. During the same period, heavy drinking (five or more drinks at least once a week) declined from 20.8 percent to 15.4 percent, and cigarette smoking fell from 51 percent to 29.9 percent.

"The surveys provide DoD with valuable information about why people do what they do, so we can develop measures to help them and tailor our education programs to meet their needs," Mazzuchi said. With the 1998 survey, for example, DoD wanted to learn more about the impact of stress on servicemembers.

"We have found that stress levels in the military are fairly high," he said. "When you look at the reasons for stress,

they are related to the operations tempo — deployment and family separation, for example. But the good news is that the coping mechanisms for that stress tend to be constructive things like talking to a friend, making plans, saying a prayer or doing physical fitness."

### Women's health

Past surveys revealed an institutional neglect of women's health issues that has since been rectified, Mazzuchi said. "Women are doing quite well in terms of access to health care, so this time we took a look at men's health issues," he said. "We found that one-third of our respondents said they had conducted a testicular self-examination in the last month, but we also had a third who had never done one. So we need to focus our education efforts there."

Concerning oral health, 90 percent of survey respondents said they'd had a dental examination in the past year, although 16 percent needed dental care before deploying. "We really want to make sure our people are dentally ready," Mazzuchi said. "There was a major push in dental health care about two years ago, and we're seeing the results now. We're very pleased and want to continue to maintain those high levels of health."

Questions about safe sex also appeared on the survey, but only 44 percent of unmarried respondents said they used condoms during sex. "We'd like that number to go up because of our concerns about venereal disease and AIDS, and we need to say that better to our people," he said.

Everything learned from the survey is used to maintain a baseline DoD uses to develop and improve education and intervention programs. He said the department isn't as concerned about actual numbers as it is about trends.

"Since we've done the survey approximately every three years, we can clearly look at trend data," Mazzuchi said. "We're not looking at individual health but at population health. What is the health of our population? Where we have pockets of behavior that isn't healthy, how can we best reach those people and convince them to lead more healthy life styles?"

"Our goal is to have our people be conscious of the fact that they control much of their health care destiny," he said. "We do the things we do to protect them because we want a fit fighting force. We want our people to understand that their mission is national security and we are depending on them. The healthier they are, the better they can protect their country." (American Forces Press Service)

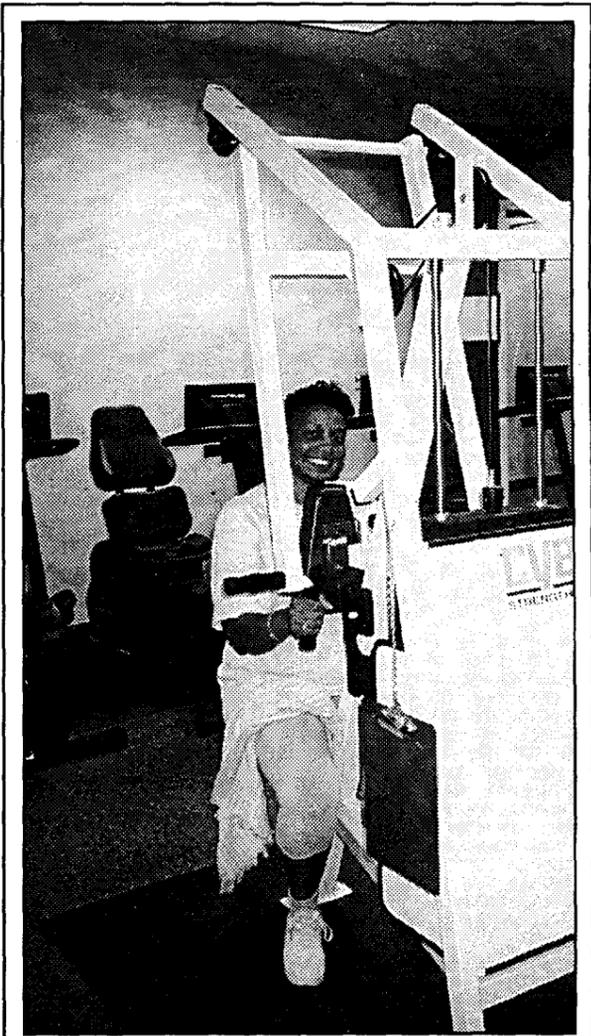


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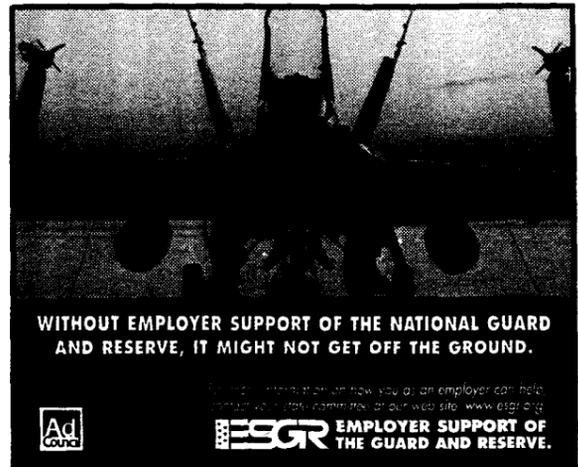
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Barbara Massey, a budget assistant in Resource Management Directorate, lifts weights at the Sparkman Fitness Center at lunchtime. "It keeps me from thinking too much about lunch," she says.



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Among MWR activities...

## Soccer registration kicks off today at Youth Center

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

• **Soccer registration**— Soccer registration for youths age 5-13 will begin today through Aug. 7. Sign up at the Youth Center, building 3148, Monday through Saturday from 1-7 p.m. The cost is \$20 per child. Registration forms for youths 14-18 will be available at the Youth Center for the City Soccer League. This age group will be placed on the under-19 teams within the city leagues of Huntsville. For more information, call 876-BALL.

• **Rocket Lanes bowling**— It's time for summer fun at Rocket Lanes. Come take advantage of the Summer Special, \$1 per game open bowling— all summer long. Rocket Lanes is located in building 3707 on Aerobee Road. Rocket Lanes has 16 synthetic lanes, automatic scorers, a snack bar, a private party addition, and a game room. For more information, call 876-6634.

• **Mens/Womens championship**— The Mens and Womens 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 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 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 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 available to rent at Outdoor Recreation, building 5132 on Sportsman Drive. For more information, call 876-4868 or stop by today.

• **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.

• **Drive for Youth Sports**— Help support Youth Sports by test driving a 2000 Dodge/Plymouth Neon on July 23 or 24, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the parking lot of the Post Exchange. For every test drive taken, Dodge and Plymouth will make a donation to support Youth Sports at Redstone Arsenal. In addition, each person test driving will be given a \$5 gift certificate good at the PX or Food Court (AAFES Food Court is open to the entire Redstone community). There is no cost for you to participate. For more information, call Missy Richards 876-2255.

• **ACS open house**— Army Community Service is celebrating 34 years of service. An ACS Birthday Open House will be held July 23 from 2-4 p.m. at building 3491. Refreshments will be served. For more information, call 876-5397.

## U.S. military athletes prepare for World Military Games

By Suba Saty

ALEXANDRIA, Va.— About 400 military athletes and officials are preparing to represent the United States Aug. 5-18 in 21 sporting events at the 2nd Military World Games in Zagreb, Croatia.

The American athletes hail from all the military branches, including the Coast Guard, and will travel under the auspices of DoD's Armed Forces Sports Council here. Some are members of the Army and Air Force World Class Athlete programs.

The World Games are sponsored by the Conseil International du Sport Militaire [French for International Military Sports Council, and better known as CISM]. The meet's 24 events include the familiar basketball, soccer, swimming, boxing and wrestling, but also unusual competitions, such as orienteering, parachuting, and the unique naval pentathlon, which pits athletes in a series of endurance events on land and water.

Founded in 1948, CISM has a membership of 121 nations. In terms of member nations, it is the world's second largest sporting organization after the International Olympic Committee. Its administrative headquarters is in Brussels, Belgium.

CISM sports championships were scattered all over the world each year in the past and were merged into the all-encompassing Military World Games in 1995. At the first games, in Rome, the United States finished eighth in total medal count among 83 countries. Croatian officials expect 10,000 athletes and officials from nearly 100 countries to attend the Zagreb games.

U.S. officials and those of other countries have expressed concerns about holding the games in the Balkans at this time. CISM President Col. Gianni Gola of Italy recently sent a message to members that said, in part:

"I'm convinced that CISM, by organizing these Military World Games in Croatia, will very much contribute to re-establish durable and sensed peace in that region. Today, even more than yesterday, Croatia and CISM have to heartily and seriously prepare this big rendezvous in Zagreb. We will prove that peace and friendship will be the driving forces of the civilized world of tomorrow." (Special to the American Forces Press Service)

(Editor's note: Air Force Maj. Suba Saty is the Armed Forces Sports Council communications officer.)

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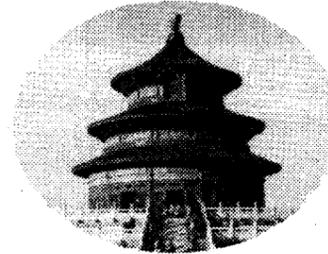


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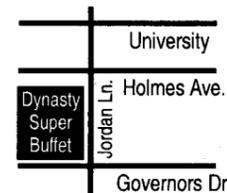


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Clear sailing...

# Naval aviators claim the night over Kosovo skies

By Linda D. Kozaryn

ABOARD THE USS THEODORE ROOSEVELT— When F-14 Tomcat and F-18 Hornet pilots don night vision goggles and catapult from the deck of this 97,000-ton, nuclear-powered aircraft carrier, they claim they own the night.

"When you put those goggles on, night becomes day," said Rear Adm. W. Winston Copeland Jr. "You can see more on a clear night with goggles than you can in the daytime. It's phenomenal. When you put them on, the clarity is amazing. We feel like we own the night — it's ours."

The admiral knows exactly how it is. The carrier commander nicknamed "Mad Dog," is a veteran fighter pilot. He said he earned the moniker "doing things he shouldn't of been doing" during training.

Copeland has flown over 300 combat missions, made 1,200 arrested landings and logged 4,800 flight hours in 30 types of aircraft, including the F-14, F-15, F-16, F-17 and F-18. He proudly notes that the first F-14 ever made is still among the Teddy Roosevelt's combat air wing.

During NATO Operation Allied Force, Copeland and his 5,000-member battle group launched more than 3,000 sorties, including about 1,700 strike missions. Naval and Marine aviators took off from the floating, 1,000-foot-long flight deck in the Adriatic and Ionian Seas to link up with ground-based U.S. Air Force and NATO planes to strike Yugoslav military targets in Kosovo.

Copeland described the allied effort as "truly phenomenal." The American aviators and NATO counterparts worked together in the air without ever having been briefed together on the ground.

Copeland said NATO's air-power only policy also made it a "tough fight" for the allied pilots. The allies had no set procedures for this kind of battle, he said. "We had to learn how to do that. It wasn't a natural thing for us."

U.S. and NATO pilots don't train to fire munitions from high altitudes without ground forward air control, the admiral said. In Kosovo, there were no friendly ground forces. Thus, allied pilots had to rely on airborne forward air controllers.

Mother Nature was the main adversary the aviators faced at the start of the air campaign, Copeland said. "The weather really beat us up pretty severely in April and the first half of May," he said. About a third of the missions flown from the ship had to be aborted because of weather.

The carrier's offshore position had some advantages, however. "There were days when Aviano [Air Base, Italy] was socked in for weather and we were flying," he said. "Plus, using our night vision goggles, we were able to fly virtually every day and every night. This is an important takeaway — not all the air forces fly with goggles."

Strong Yugoslav opposition confronted the allied airmen, Copeland pointed out. "When we first started the war we did not have air superiority," he said. "It was fleeting at best. One of the first strikes we went out on actually got turned away by a lot of SAMs. A group of F-18s got within about 10 miles of this particular site we were



Photographer's Mate 3rd Class Donné McKissic, USN

**KEEPING WATCH**— The watch supervisor for the Detection and Tracking (DNT) site in the ship's Combat Direction Center on board USS Theodore Roosevelt monitors a wide array of information systems, providing the commanding officer all data necessary to fight and protect the ship. The Theodore Roosevelt provided support for NATO's Operation Allied Force.

striking at night. We had about eight SAMs shot at us. We were lucky to get out of there unscathed."

NATO's goal of avoiding collateral damage put pilots under added stress, the admiral said. When accidents did happen they were played up in the press and everyone felt horrible. No one wanted to be responsible for bombing a school or bus and causing civilian deaths. As a result, pilots were extremely cautious.

Collateral damage could also be caused by weather, Copeland explained. "If you lose a target and a little wisp of a cloud goes by, the laser will lock onto the cloud and you won't know where the bomb will go. You've got to be very careful."

The carrier sustained a high operational tempo, but few sailors complained and morale remained high, Copeland said. "When you're at war, you're at war," he stressed. "The crew here is very cognizant of what's going on. We keep them informed. They know that putting airplanes off the porty end of this ship with ordnance and striking the target effectively is their job."

Sailors focused on doing their part to halt Yugoslav President Slobodan Milosevic's ethnic cleansing policy. The true tragedy of what occurred in Kosovo, Copeland pointed out, remains to be told. "I don't think the story's out yet. We see mass graves from the air. Just mass graves."

Milosevic severely underestimated U.S. and NATO resolve, the admiral said. The Serb dictator knew what NATO could do, but didn't believe the 19-member alliance would do it, Copeland said.

"If we'd walked away from this fight, it would have been the beginning of the end of NATO. To let a despot, a war criminal like Milosevic, run free — no way. I believe our resolve bought us another 50 years of stability in Europe."

After about six weeks in the Adriatic, the battle group commander actually turned down a port call. "I called the Sixth Fleet commander, and said, 'Boss, the crew doesn't want to go into port. They've got a job to do here. So leave us here for 30 some days and then we'll go into port.' When you've got a job like that, you've really got

to be aggressive and go at it with all the gusto."

In late June, the USS Theodore Roosevelt took liberty in Palma, Mallorca, largest of the Balearic Islands off the southern coast of Spain. From there, the battle group was to return to the Adriatic to support NATO peacekeeping in Kosovo.

Overall, Copeland said, the crew felt

good about what they had helped accomplish. "Someone was looking out for us the nine weeks that we fought this war," the admiral remarked. "I thank the Lord because not one airplane was hit by any shrapnel. We got bumped a couple times from the concussions, but there were no holes in any airplanes. All the pilots came back safe."

(American Forces Press Service)

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During peacekeeping mission...

# Marines challenged by Serb snipers in Kosovo incident

By Jim Garamone

WASHINGTON— Rogue elements targeted U.S. servicemembers during two violent acts in Kosovo, said Task Force Falcon commander Army Brig. Gen. John Craddock June 23.

In the most serious incident, Serb snipers opened fire on Marines manning a roadblock in the village of Zegra, south of the Marine headquarters in Gnjilane. Marines killed one sniper and wounded two others. None of the 26th Marine Expeditionary Unit servicemembers were hurt in the incident.

In the second incident, snipers fired on 82nd Airborne soldiers near the U.S. sector headquarters in Urosevac. U.S. soldiers were able to detain two men, who remain in detention, said Craddock.

The biggest challenge facing U.S. forces in Kosovo is a "rogue element" that doesn't know about the military technical agreement or refuses to abide by the agreement, Craddock said. "We still continue to find illegal checkpoints that we have to challenge," he said. "We have to disarm those people that are (manning) those checkpoints and we have to tear them down."

Craddock said there are more than 4,500 U.S. servicemembers in Kosovo now. A 1st Infantry Division mechanized infantry battalion was slated to arrive in the province June 27.

U.S. forces will continue to patrol and reassure all factions in the area, Craddock said via telephone to a Pentagon news conference. "(We) have got to do that in order to maintain the calming influence — that reassurance — to all the people of the area that we are here to maintain law and order," he said.

Craddock said U.S. forces are finding more and more minefields as they expand patrols. "We've found buried antipersonnel mines with trip wires," he said. "We've found mines that appear to have been thrown out as forces withdrew toward Serbia along roadsides that are not marked on maps provided by the Serb forces. ... And there are lots and lots of mines near the border areas with Macedonia."

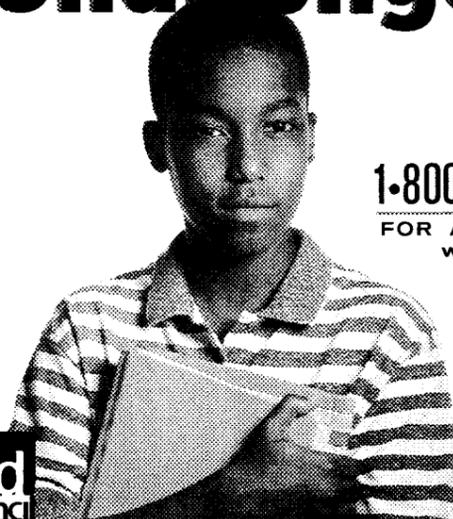
U.S. Marines and soldiers are also finding booby-traps evacuating Serb forces rigged on ammunition and weapons they left behind, the general said. U.S. servicemembers also are dealing with unexploded NATO ordnance from Operation Allied Force. (American Forces Press Service)



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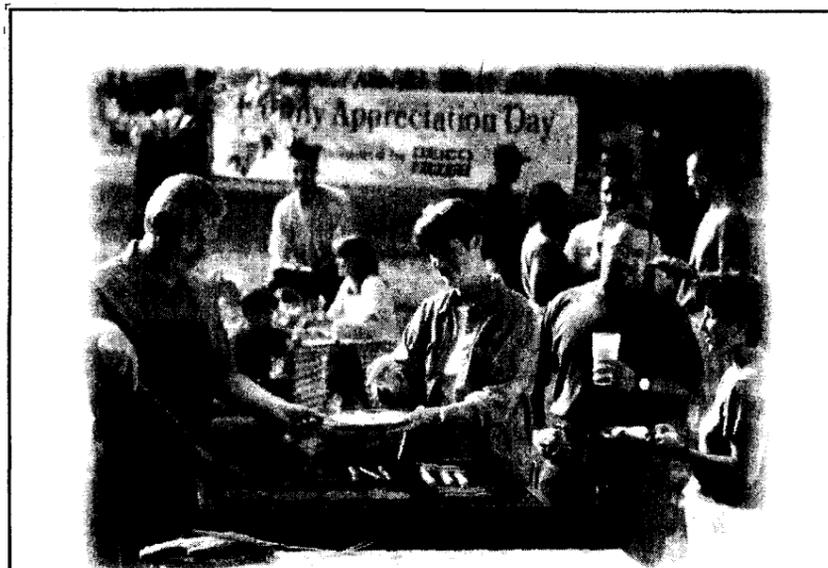
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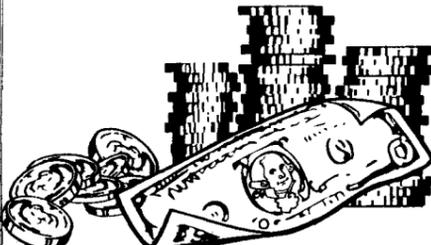
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## Sports & Recreation

### Fitness center

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### 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.

## 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.

### 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://smaplabb.ri.uah.edu/tcow/>.

### Resource managers

The American Society of Military Comptrollers will hold a luncheon at 11 a.m. Thursday 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.

### 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.

### 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 cost \$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.

### Plastic modelers

The Huntsville Plastic Modelers Society will meet tonight at 7 at the Recreation Center. For more information, call 851-6842.

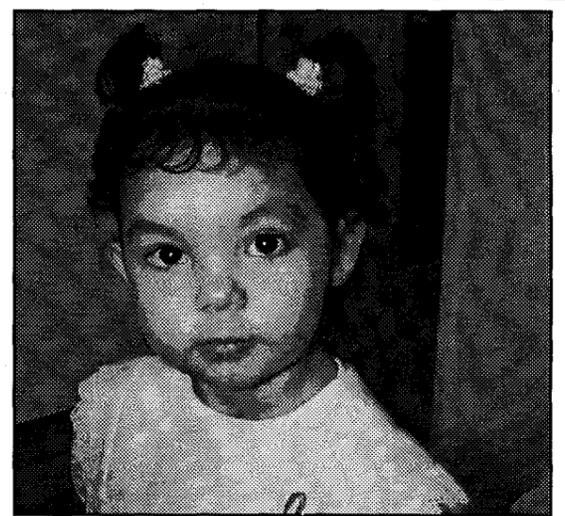
### Found item

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.

### Military pay office

Effective July 12, the Defense Military Pay Office (DMPO) will have the following new hours of operation: 7-11 a.m. and 1-4 p.m. Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday;

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closed for lunch 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.; and closed 7 a.m. to 1 p.m. Thursday (they will no longer take phone calls during these hours).

### Federal retirees

The National Association of Retired Federal Employees will meet Saturday at the Senior Center on Drake Avenue with refreshments at 9:30 a.m., program at 10. Dr. Larry Robey, Madison County health officer, is to present a program covering health matters for seniors. For more information, call 837-0382 or 881-3168.

### 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 no service July 9 and 16.

### 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.

### Veterans home

The Floyd E. "Tut" Fann State Veterans Home is sponsoring Star Glamour Portraits to be held July 16-17 at the home, 2701 Meridian St. north. Your \$15 sitting fee includes a glamour make-over, photo session, and one 8-by-10 color portrait. Monies raised during this fund-raiser will be used for activities for the many veterans housed at Tut Fann. To purchase your sitting certificate and make an appointment for portraits, call Angela Shirley 852-5170.

### Blood program

Here's the Red Cross blood schedule: Thursday—building 5309, first floor, room 9128, 7 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Jean Evans 842-0107, Betty Mountain 313-1779 or Lynne Campbell 313-4836. Friday—building 5400, 7 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Pepper Takayama 313-2381; building 4488, 7-12:30, Fran King Wilburn 313-4735. July 16—building 4752, NASA, 8 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., Edwina Bressette 544-8115; building 6260, 8-noon, Kathy Brooks 876-0351. July 23—Corps of Engineers, 7-noon, Donna

Smiley 895-1760; building 5681, 7-noon, Susan Zimmerly 313-4163. July 30—SMDC, Wynn Drive, room 1C400, from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m., Al Longhi 955-5901.

### Computer degree

Florida Tech will hold an information session for students interested in a master of science in computer information systems from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. July 21 in building 5304, room 4323. Seating is limited; call 881-7878 to confirm a seat.

### Readership survey

The Public Affairs Office is conducting a readership survey of the Redstone Rocket. This is your chance to give us your opinions about the Redstone Rocket newspaper. Please 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 ask that you to take a few minutes to complete this survey by July 23 so we can continue to improve the paper and maintain customer satisfaction in the 21st century. The survey can be found on [www/intranet.redstone.army.mil/Rocket](http://www/intranet.redstone.army.mil/Rocket). The results will be compiled and reported in an upcoming issue of the Redstone Rocket and on the Web. For more information, call Margaret Banish-Donaldson 842-0558.

### Johnson High alumni

The Johnson High School Alumni Reunion/Homecoming Committee will meet at 6:45 p.m. July 15 at the Dr. Richard Showers Jr. Recreational Center, Blue Springs Road. All graduates, spouses, friends, teachers and staff are invited to attend. "We are trying to locate all past Homecoming Queens and Kings and class officers," a prepared release said. For more information, call George Alexander 876-8085.

### Marine Corps league

The Marine Corps League's monthly meeting will be held 7 p.m. July 13 at the American Legion, 2900 Drake Ave. Refreshments will be served at 6:30 with a talk by a local minister titled "The Humorous Side of the Ministry." All present and past Marines are welcome.

### Blood drive

Members of the Base Supply Center are trying to boost the community's blood supply. The Alabama Industries for the Blind, which operates the center, is sponsoring a blood drive Aug. 12 from 8 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at building 8022. For more information call Lori Thomason, manager of the center, 876-4011.

### Writing contest

WLRH Public Radio and the Saturday morning program "Sundial" are conducting the 11th annual "Great Sundial WriteOff." Each year writers are challenged to submit a poem, story or essay woven around a common phrase. This year's topic is "An Irresistible Offer." The phrase must appear word-for-word at least once somewhere in the text. Works must be limited to 700 words or less and may be prose or poetry, serious or silly. Prose and poetry will be judged separately. Falls Mill and Country Store in Belvidere, Tenn., and The Lodge at Gorham's Bluff in Pisgah have offered \$100 first prize, \$75 second prize and \$50 third prize in both the prose and poetry categories. Mail the original manuscript and

four copies to Sundial, WLRH Public Radio, UAH campus, Huntsville 35899. Entries are due by close of business July 30. Include one cover page with name, address, day and evening phone number, category (prose or poetry), and word count. Do not put your name on any other pages. For more information, call WLRH at 895-9574 or (800) 239-9574.

### Car wash

The Grambling University Huntsville-Madison Alumni Chapter will sponsor a car wash for its scholarship drive from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday at Sam's Club on north Memorial Parkway. Hot dogs and drinks will be served.



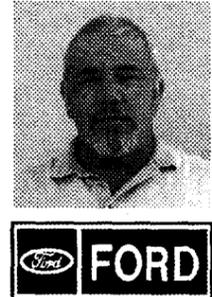
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## AER recognition...

Maj. Gen. Emmett Gibson commends Sharon Samuelson for her work on this year's Army Emergency Relief fund-raising campaign during a recognition ceremony June 28 in Sparkman Auditorium. Forty-one groups, including 11 private organizations, were recognized for their AER efforts. Some \$64,358 was raised during the campaign, which ran from March 1 through May 15.

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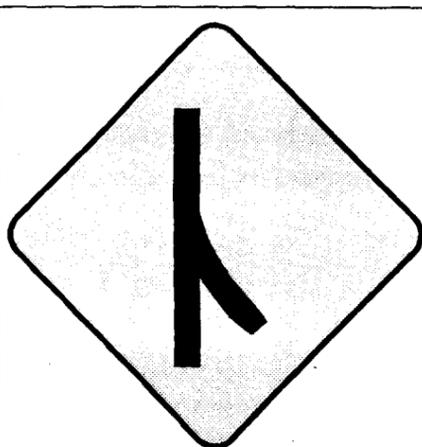
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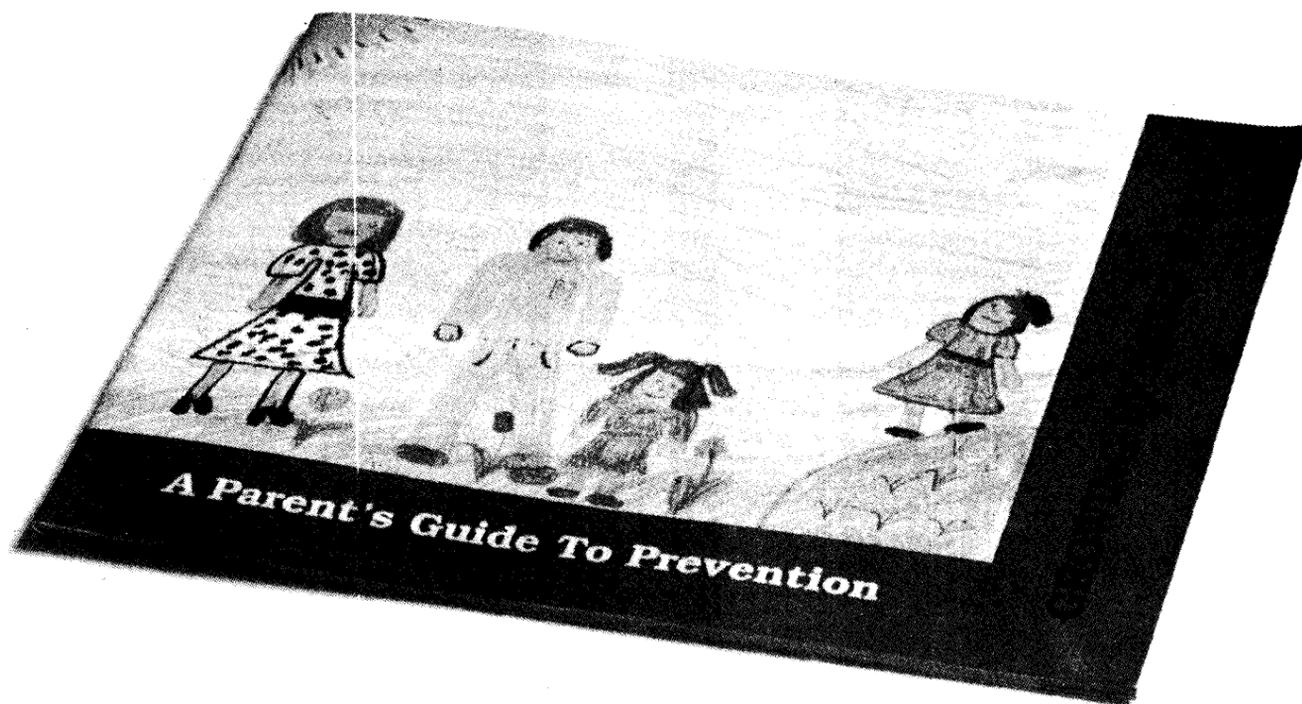
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**All Gods Children Figurines.** Some retired pieces. 1/2 of list price. Hallmark ornaments, good prices. 852-9361 or 895-3866.

**Brother word processor.** \$75. Brass and Glass coffee and end tables, \$75. All exc. cond. 830-9457.

**Camper shell.** Leer fiberglass, 91" long, ideal for painting. Asking \$125. 461-4466.

**Carpet.** 11'4" x 9'6" beige, \$30. Toilet, almond, replaced with handicapped, like new, \$50. Oriental rugs, 5'x8", \$20. 895-8306.

**Complete diving suit.** \$200. Extra large waterbed mattress queen size with heater, \$50. 828-4972.

**Craftsman yard tools.** Dethatcher attachment, 36 in, \$45. Edger, 9 inch, gas, \$75. Weedwacker, 28cc, gas, \$50. All like new. 536-3784.

**Dining set.** Table with leaf, 4 chairs, good cond., \$55. 313-1438.

**Entertainment center.** Cherry, Hooker brand, 56" wide, exc. cond. 885-0436.

**Ergo dual action air bike** and girl's Magna 12" bike with training wheels. 539-6985.

**Fisher-Price high chair.** Blue and cram, \$25. Nursing foot stool, natural finish, retails for \$30, \$15. 461-9159.

**Fisher-Price 3 in 1 game table.** \$50. White baby bassinet, \$35. Lots of baby stuff, misc hockey equipment. 880-7075.

**Intel Pentium 200 MMX.** 32MB RAM, 2.5 GB HD, modem, speakers, keyboard, mouse. \$550 obo. 464-9181.

**Inversion table / anti-gravity boots.** \$270. Flocati rugs, dark brown heavy, \$175. Striped brown / beige / white light, \$65. 851-7286.

**Irvins Antiques Collectibles.** 7581 Highway 53 Toney. (256) 859-8762. Hours Thursday thru Saturday 10am-5pm, Sunday 2 pm to 5 pm. 5700 ft. of shopping pleasure.

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**Longaberger baskets.** 1998 Summertime basket, \$25. '98 Christmas Hostess basket, \$55. 851-0622.

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**Lot for sale.** 3 acres on Dollywood Dr., Toney. Perk tested, partially cleared. \$27,500 neg. 858-3355.

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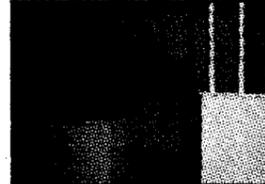
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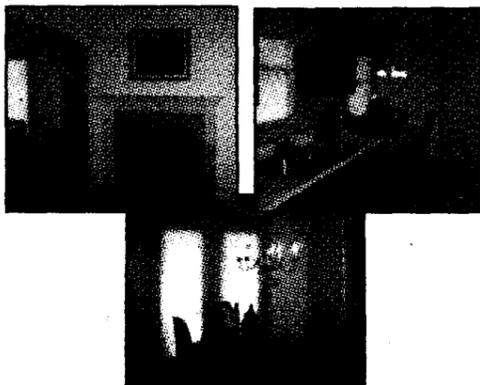
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